

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

THE POSTLUDE

“Horn Pipe” Early English

Altar Choir

Besig & Price



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 6, 2007
9:25 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

At one point St. Paul and his fellow travelers were described as people who “are turning the world upside-down” (Acts 17:6). What an appropriate description of Christians! Christians look at things in a new way. The Spirit disturbs the status-quo. God’s Church is a counter-cultural community. This morning we invite you to live your life in the upside-down kingdom.

(The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.

Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.)

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.

When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.

Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise

for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.)

THE PRELUDE

“Prelude in B flat Major”

J.S. Bach

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **We have come to experience God’s grace in our worship and in our lives!**

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes.

The lighted candles on the altar symbolize the presence of God’s Holy Spirit.

The Holy Bible is facing the congregation as a reminder that God’s Word is open and available to all.)

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler

Chris Roberts

Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference

Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries

Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are John & Joan Ingels and Julie Maupin.

The Ask Me Greeters are Adam & Tammey Parrish.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ron Harper in celebration of Liz’s Birthday.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“This Is the Feast of Victory”

(Musical Interlude)

MORRISON YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

“Morning Song”

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, our bread, our milk, and our honey; in the resurrection of your Son, our Savior, you have brought us to Your table. Feed us with Your plenty, and enlarge our desire to seek after You and You alone. May our table expand so that all who hunger and thirst after Your presence in their lives may find You through our witness and expressions of Your grace. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer are welcome to come and kneel or stand.)

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“All Hail the Power”

Altar Choir

Perronet & Moore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 42:1-5
Matthew 5:6
(Pew Bible page No 401)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

“Thank God for Your Hunger”

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithes to your church. May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today’s loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Blessed Assurance” Hymn 369

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Joel Raney

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn 18

(The congregation is invited to approach one of the communion stations around the sanctuary and balcony. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come and receive the elements by intinction—receive a broken piece of bread from a pastor and dip it into the common cup before partaking. All are welcome to come to the altar and kneel or stand in an attitude of prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Others may remain in an attitude of worship and reflection at their pews. Please return to your pew as directed by the ushers. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake of as you remain seated in the pew.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Hymn 641

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message of God’s grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.)