

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE  
"Go Now in Peace"

THE POSTLUDE  
"Toccata"

Altar Choir  
Besig & Price

Johann Pachelbel



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 13, 2007  
9:25 a.m.

6th 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

"Andante"

Maurice Greene

### **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                      Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director                      Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse                      Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider                      Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator                      T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Betty Hegenbart.

The Ask Me Greeters are Jerry Hodges and George Hoshaw.

Children's Worship is led by Debbie Long.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Ann McAninch  
in celebration of their 30th Anniversary.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

**“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”**

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O Christ, interrupt our busyness with a word about mindfulness, lest we forget the God who gives us life. Disrupt our distractedness with a call to attention, lest we forget the Lord who wakes us each new day. Convict us when we take credit for our accomplishments, lest we forget Your Spirit who provides for life. Forgive us for our reactions of resentment and hostility, lest we forget You forgive us as we forgive others. 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Madeline Grace Collins  
(Mike & Jenny Collins, Parents)

At the appointed time, let the congregation respond:

**On behalf of Madeline Grace's home Congregation and Grace United Methodist Church, with God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Madeline Grace, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Steve Beutler

(During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me", children, pre-school through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 102, Lower Level.)

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

*"God is Here"*

Altar Choir  
Joyce Hodges & Jack Elleman

\*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:7-15  
Matthew 5:7  
(Few Bible page No 684)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

**LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM**

**"Forgiven or Forgiving?"**

Pastor Chris Roberts

## 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 tithe 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

*"Amazing Grace"*

\*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

Jack Schrader

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

\*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.)

Hymn 140