

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"Go Now in Peace"

THE POSTLUDE
"Italian Hymn"

Altar Choir
Besig & Price

Albert L. Travis



ORDINATION: Don't forget that the ordination ceremony for Pastor Chris is Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Elliott Hall of Music on the Purdue campus in West Lafayette. A reception will follow at the First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette. Transportation arrangements or directions can be obtained by contacting the Grace Church office or calling Greg Wall at 459-9255. You won't want to miss this moving and memorable ceremony.

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
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Sue Murrell and Tim & Susan Garner.
The Ask Me Greeters are Dave & Donna Brownfield.
Children's Worship is led by Ann Bradshaw.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Ann Winger in celebration of Whitney and Doug Kirsch's marriage.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 20, 2007
9:25 a.m.

7th 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

"Glorify Thy Name/We Will Glorify"

Chamber Ensemble
Stan Pethel

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.)

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP
“**Come, Thou Almighty King**”

(Musical Interlude)

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Angel	Brad Challis	Mary Lou Coleman	Mary Jo Frost
Kristen Houser	Greg Kegler	Julie Kegler	Ethel Polk
Renee Roberts	Rose Russell	Michael Weesner	Kelly Wright

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Open our eyes with the light of your love, so that we may offer courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for eyes that see the love we have received from Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we have been loved by You, so may we love. 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.

(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 GOSPELAIRES

“*Jesus is Coming Soon*”

accompanied by Marieta Newberg
R.E. Winsett

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:11-17
Matthew 5:8
(Few Bible page No 691)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“*Jesus, What a Beautiful Name*”

Altar Choir
Tanya Riches

THE PROCLAMATION

LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

“**Turn on Your Heart Light**”

Pastor Steve Beutler

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

“*Near to the Heart of God*” Hymn 472

*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.

Jeff Bennett

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“**Open My Eyes, That I May See**”

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

Hymn 454

*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.)