



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 27, 2007
9:25 a.m.

Day of Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Red

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

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 Riggle, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T J Knowland, Youth Director

The Lay Liturgist today is Sam Blatt.

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Estella Lucas.

The Ask Me Greeters are Adam & Tammy Parrish.

Children’s Worship is led by Angela Stamper.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry Raber in honor of Norma’s birthday and Mel & Barb Hobbs in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

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

“Minuet”

Domenico Scarlatti

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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand’s breadth, give thanks to You for those through whom you have blessed our lives who are no longer in our midst. We thank you for dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever. We remember those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others. May we be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations are at peace with each other. 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

“Order My Steps”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me”, children, pre-school through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Chapel, Lower Level.

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

THE PROCLAMATION

LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

“That First Step”

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

“Children of the Heavenly Father” Hymn 141

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Howard Helvey

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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Wonderful Peace”

(The altar of this church is open to you....come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

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THE BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR PASTOR STEVE AND JAYNA

Dale Kingseed

*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.)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

Altar Choir
Besig & Price

THE POSTLUDE

“Sonata in D Major”

Mateo Albeniz

Hymn 327

Altar Choir and Youth Choir

Glenn Burtleigh

Acts 10:27-36

Matthew 5:9

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