



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 30, 2008
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

We've all got our burdens, our secrets, and our shames.
We've all been discouraged and watched love fall in flames,
and when we hit the bottom of all that we can bear and we need You.
You're rising like the morning sun, a pillar in the night.
You looked into the void and called it light.
You are faithfully providing for the trouble that we share.
When we need You, You've always been there.

- Caedmon's Call, *Always Been There from Overdressed*

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

"The Body Song"

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Children's Church Kids

Ann Wamberg

Morrison Basic Youth Handbell Choir

arr. Barbara Kinyon

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!**

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler

Chris Roberts

Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries

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

Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Charles & Pat Pierson and Valerie Cunningham.

The Acolyte is Chris Hartzog.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Larry & Norma Raber, and

by The Kokomo Children's Choir as a thank you for the use of your sanctuary and an invitation to join us here at 3:00 pm today for our spring concert.

The White Rose on the Altar is in honor and memory of Crystal Paudice.

***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**

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy God, open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our minds. May we come this morning open to receive Your Spirit, Your Word, and Your Truth. May we allow You to penetrate us in the hardest spots of our hearts. Make us willing to be transformed. Above all else, be glorified by our worship. Let us hear you now as we pray.**

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 ANTHEM

"One Sweet Song of Peace"

During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" children, preschool through Grade 2,

are invited to attend Children's Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the

children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

Altar Choir

Berta & Sonja Poorman

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 20:19-20, 26-29
(Pew Bible page No 769)

THE PROCLAMATION

THROUGH THE LOCKED DOORS

Pastor Chris Roberts

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD 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 MUFF.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Great is the Lord"

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Jay Rouse

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**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Hymn 361

***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**

"Shalom to You"

Altar Choir

arr. Carlton Young

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare to "Christ the King"

Charles Callahan