

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**  
"A Prayer of St. Patrick"

Altar Choir  
arr. John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,  
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**THE POSTLUDE**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

setting by Lani Smith



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

April 6, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

Lord, call us into the church. Call us in often, and teach us the old words and old songs with their new meanings. Lord, give us new words for the words we wear out. Give us new songs for those that have lost their spirit. Give us new reasons for coming in and for going out, into our streets and to our homes. As the house of the Lord once moved like a tent through the wilderness, so keep our churches from being rigid. Make our congregation alive and free. Give us ideas we never had before, so that 'alleluia' and 'gloria' and 'amen' are like the experiences we know in daily living. Alleluia! O Lord, be praised! In our worship this hour, be praised! Amen.  
-Herbert Brokering

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 *worshiping 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**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

setting by Anne Krantz

**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**

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                      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                      Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider  
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider  
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator                      T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Dan & Barb Bourff and Tim & Susan Garner.

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.  
The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Currrens and by the Juliot Family in memory of Sam Juliot.

The Red Rose is honor of the birth of Mason Worley on March 20 to Chris and Sara Worley; Grandson of Steve & Jayna Beutler.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

**“God is Here”**

Hymn 660

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, how great You are! On the first day of the week we commemorate Your creation of the world and all that is in it. Thank you for the light which wakes us morning by morning, and for that greater light which shines in Jesus Christ.**

**O God, how great You are! On the first day of the week You raised Jesus from the dead. Raise us with Him to a new quality of faith and life.**

**O God, how great You are! On the first day of the week You sent Your Spirit on Your disciples. Do not deprive us of Your Spirit, but renew Him in us day by day.**

**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.**

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*“When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind”*  
Gospelaires accompanied by Polly Simmons  
Doris Akers

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS *The congregation is invited to stand for the Gospel lesson.*

Job 7:1-7

Matthew 26:26-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Altar Choir  
John Rutter

THE PROCLAMATION

**THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT**

## 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 Relay for Life.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

**“I Know that My Redeemer Loves”**

\*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Laura Page

**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 the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*While people are being served, the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns until all are served.*

**“Holy Ground”**

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**“Standing on Holy Ground”**

Insert

**“Sanctuary”**

Insert

**“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”**

Hymn 623

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“The Solid Rock”**

Hymn 368

\*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.*