

THE POSTLUDE  
"Allegro Moderato"

William Goodwin



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

April 13, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

Lord of All Creation, of the water, earth and sky,  
the Heavens are Your Tabernacle, Glory To the Lord on High.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

And when I stumble into darkness, I will call Your name by night..

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— God of Wonders by Caedmon's Call

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

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Joy Loop, Adair Younce, Dianne Waggaman, Darleen Donaghy.

The Acolyte is David Maupin.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Tom & Gail Jones in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary and Anne Weber in honor of David & Mark.

*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

"Adagio"

William Goodwin

**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

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

*Musical Interlude*

THE UMW RECOGNITION OF RETIRING OFFICERS

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Yesterday, today, and forever, all the peoples are Yours, O Lord. As one day in Your sight is a thousand years, so one life in Your sight is a multitude. Be present with us, as You are with all; be present now, as You are forever. To You we offer ourselves, as individuals and as a body; to You we open ourselves, this and every 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.**

THE ANTHEM

**"Alleluia"**

*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; solo sung by Jason Kelly  
arr. Robert Sterling

**WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 24  
(Pew Bible page No 392)

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts  
**YOU ASKED FOR IT... "HOW EVOLUTION DEMONSTRATES GOD'S PRESENCE"**

**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

*"The Solid Rock"*

\*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.**

setting by Joel Raney

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"For The Beauty of the Earth"**

Hymn 92

\*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

*"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.