

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

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.

Altar Choir
arr. John Rutter

THE POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A Major"

J.S. Bach



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

United Methodist Men's 100th Anniversary

April 27, 2008
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Today, we gather in celebration of the work and ministry of our United Methodist Men that has been offered in Christian love for 100 years. We rejoice in the mission and ministry work of the men of our congregation. We thank God for the example of love and grace that our men have modeled over the years. We pray for their continued leadership, guidance, and support at home and within this congregation. We celebrated today the motto of our United Methodist Men: "Helping Men to Grow in Jesus Christ that others may know Him."

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

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. By Stan Pethel

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: **And kindle in them the power of Your love.**

Leader: Send forth Your spirit and they shall be created.

All: **And You will renew the face of the earth.**

*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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Donna Faulkner.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God.

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP
“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: On this the 100th anniversary of men’s ministry in the United Methodist Church

All: **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For the changing witness of men throughout the generations,

All: **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For men who have mentored the lost or their sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters,

All: **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For men who have given their lives in the service of our country,

All: **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For men who share their faith so others may know, love and follow Christ,

All: **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, in whose grace our lives stand, and who committed our work to us, we commit our cares to You. We thank you that we are your children, and that you have assured us that, while we are intent upon Your will, You will hear the desire of our hearts to be your servants. Fill us with that compassion for others’ troubles which comes from forgetfulness of our own; with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness; and with the glad hope of the children of eternity. And to You, the Beginning and the End, Lord of the living, Refuge of the dying, be thanks and praise for ever. 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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Altar Choir, solo sung by Liz Harper
arr. by Clydesdale

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.

Hymn 430

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 50:4-5, 7
(Pew Bible page No 521)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“He Touched Me”

Gospelaire
William Gaither

THE PROCLAMATION

Devon McDonald, Guest Preacher

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

Prelude on “Beach Spring”

*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.

Charles Callahan

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“**Filled with the Spirit’s Power**”

Hymn 537

*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