



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RECOGNITION SUNDAY

April 26, 2009

3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor Steve Beutler
Altar Choir
Denny Cagle

Tom Birchwood

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Heart"

THE POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

UMW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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

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 Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider T J Knowland, Youth Director
Our Greeters today are (UMW) Joy Loop, Angela Stamper, Adair Younce and Dianne Waggaman.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

Children's Church Volunteers are Kelly Wright, Arlene Buell, Leanna Zimmerman and Angie Smith. Fellowship Time will be hosted by Peggy Hobbs, Connie Wall, Dan Stout and Mel Hobbs. The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God in honor of UMW Sunday and by Tom & Gail Jones in honor of their 55th 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.

Ann Winger

THE PRELUDE

"Sanctuary"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Stan Pethel

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!**

Shirley Hoy

*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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"**Thine Be the Glory**"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 308

A CELEBRATION OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Recognition of those who serve our Lord through the UMW

Donna Brownfield

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Phyllis Jean Smith

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tegegn Ponsler

Sarah and Chris Ponsler, parents

At the appointed time, the congregation shall respond:

Lord, we have here in our church family a new child, a new person, a new soul. The responsibility for this little person is too much for any two parents alone. They need the loving support of the fellowship of believers as they train and guide and nurture little Tegegn. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Tegegn to maturity in You. We will uphold him with our love, teach him the word of God, encourage him when he fails, and we will be careful not to bruise this tender bud by harsh words, quick judgments, and cruel criticism. For truly, Father, this is our child, and we want to protect and teach him and to bring him to the moment when he will choose for himself to know You as Savior and Lord of his life. Amen.

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.

THE ANTHEM

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Altar Choir
arr. by Gilbert Martin

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Donna Brownfield

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Shirley Hoy
Matthew 25:34-40

THE PROCLAMATION

Ms. Jeanie Park

UMW AND MISSIONS

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

"Near the Cross"

*The Doxology 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 No. 95

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn No. 593

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

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

*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.