

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Heart"*

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Rigaudon*

Altar Choir  
Denny Cagle

Jean-Babstiste de Lully



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

May 3, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. While he was describing the change which God makes in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death. - John Wesley

*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 Joe & Ann Winger and Betty Corn.

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

Instruments played during today's service are: guitar - Mat Snyder; bass guitar - Rob Pinto; drums - Josiah Rushing and flute - Cassie Hale.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Mike Rodgers, Ralph Cory and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Ron Harper in honor of Liz's birthday.

The white rose on the Altar is in honor and memory of Elinor McClure.

**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**

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

setting by Joel Raney

**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**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"**

*(Musical Interlude)*

Hymn 616

## THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you have created us, chosen us to be your people. We wait now to receive your word of guidance and blessing. Grant unto us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love and presence in our midst. Through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, enlighten, instruct, and guide us all the day and week long. 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 COMMISSION OF TJ KNOWLAND

## THE ANTHEM

*"Above All/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Altar Choir and Vesper Handbell Choir  
arr. by Gilbert Martin

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things.

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known.

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth. There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind a stone; you lived to die, rejected and alone; like a rose, trampled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

## 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

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

\*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**

Vesper Handbell Choir  
arr. by Cathy Mokelbust  
Hymn No. 95

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 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

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"Take Our Bread"**

Hymn No. 640

*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.*