

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST  
“Happy the Home When God is There”

Hymn No. 445

*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.*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Heart”

Altar Choir  
Denny Cagle

THE POSTLUDE

*Postlude in G*

Gerald Peterson



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP  
Festival of the Christian Home

May 10, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

THE PARENTS' CREED

I believe that our children are a gift of God—the hope of a new tomorrow.  
I believe that immeasurable possibilities lie slumbering in each son and daughter.  
I believe that God has planned a perfect plan for their future, and that His love shall always surround them; and so  
I believe that they shall grow up! - first creeping, then toddling, then standing, stretching skyward for a decade and a half—until they reach full stature—a man and a woman!  
I believe that they can and will be molded and shaped between infancy and adulthood—as a tree is shaped by the gardener, and the clay vessel in the potter's hand, or the shoreline of the sea under the watery hand of the mighty waves; by home and church; by school and street, through sights and sounds and the touch of our hand on their hand and Christ's spirit on their heart! So,  
I believe that they shall mature as only people can—through laughter and tears, through trial and error, by reward and punishment, through affection and discipline, until they stretch their wings and leave their nest to fly.  
O God—I believe in our children. Help us so to live that they may always believe in us—and so in You.

*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

“The Calypso Kids”

GUMBY

Dean Sorenson

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  
Debbra 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 Dan & Barbara Bourff.

The Acolyte is Gus Bourff.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Craig Williams, Ralph Cory and Mel Hobbs.

Children's Church volunteers are Debbie Long, Ann Elliott, Leanna Zimmerman and Angie Smith.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Galen & Hazel Hodges in honor of their parents

And Dave & Betsy Durham in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.

## 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

**"To God Be the Glory"**

*(Musical Interlude)*

Hymn 98

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, help us to build strong Christian homes. Help children to develop a sense of responsibility and personal discipline which will bring honor to Christ and happiness to the family. Help parents to love one another as You love them and outdo one another in acts of kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness. Grant unto us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love and presence in our midst. 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 MORRISON YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

*"Plink Plank Plunk"*

arr. by Thompson

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gabriella Grace Good

Lori and Gerry Good, 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 Gabriella. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Gabriella to maturity in You. We will uphold her with our love, teach her the word of God, encourage her when she 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 her and to bring her to the moment when she will choose for herself to know You as Savior and Lord of her life. Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE ANTHEM

*"Lord of The Dance"*

### THE PROCLAMATION

## AN OXYMORON FOR MOTHER'S DAY

## WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

1st John 3:11-24 4:7-12

Altar Choir  
Sydney Carter

Pastor Steve Beutler

### 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

*"Great is the Lord"*

\*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 Jay Rouse  
Hymn No. 95