



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 17, 2009
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day;
You fritter and waste the hours in an off hand way.
Kicking around on a piece of ground in your home town;
Waiting for someone or something to show you the way.

— Time by Pink Floyd

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 Old Ark’s A-moverin’”

Chamber Ensemble
arr. By Charles Rose

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.

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 Ron & Jan King and Dick & Judie Emy.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Jon & Camella Rodgers, Ralph Cory and Mel Hobbs.

Children’s Church volunteers are Debbie Long, Arlene Buell, Leanna Zimmerman and Angie Smith.
The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Jack & Teresa Amos in honor of their 53rd wedding
Anniversary and Larry & Sue Murrell in honor of Ashley’s confirmation at Warsaw’s First UMC.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 62

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Arlene Buell

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, open our minds that we may understand. In our understanding help us to believe. In our belief help us to follow. As we follow lead us to do Your will. In this time of worship be glorified and illumine our understanding of who You are. In our daily lives, may we do all that we do for Your glory and honor. 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

“Moment by Moment”

Altar Choir with solos sung by Liz and Ron Harper
arr. Marty Parks

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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

LIVING THE CHOICES WE MAKE

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

“Blessed Assurance”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Joel Raney
Hymn No. 95

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

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Take Time to be Holy”

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

Alllegro

William Walrond