



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

April 18, 2010
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some “Thy Kingdom come” to pray. Keep silence; let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to 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

“Easter Songs”

arr. by John Ferguson

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

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ is Alive”

Hymn No. 318

Musical Interlude

Grace United Methodist Church

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

Rev. Stephen A. Beutler

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

Rev. 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

Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries

Amanda Kelly, Children’s Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Joe & Ann Winger and Tim & Susan Garner.

Today’s Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Rich & Ann Bradshaw and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harriet Cassingham and Dave & Cindy Lovegrove in memory of Bobby Cassingham.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray..

All: Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness. In their lives, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses you are their hope and their salvation. You lead them to create the heritage that is ours here at Grace Church. We praise you for the women and men who follow You, who give themselves unselfishly for the welfare of Your Church, whose commitment and vision encourage and support the Church. Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infuse the Church with energy. We praise you for these members of your church whose names we honor today. Give us all a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding, that we may serve you more fully; 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.

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.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Wally Finster

Virginia Fennimore

Lois Gill

Hilda Currens

Ronald Gill

John "Jack" Fell

THE ANTHEM

"Hymn of Promise"

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.

Altar Choir

arr. by John Ferguson

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

John 21:1-17

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

"MEET THE MESSIAH."

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

"I Love You Lord"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Mark Hayes
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

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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

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

Hymn No. 344

*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

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Ein Feste Burg"

Gordon Young