



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

April 25, 2010
9:25 a.m.

4rd Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Grant, O God, as we come into Your presence, a sense of Your transcendent holiness. Enable us not only to hear You call, but to respond to it; not only to listen, but to understand. Give us today ears to hear, eyes to see, and a mind to understand, so that we may, thus equipped, abide in Your service until we see the whole earth full of Your glory.

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

"I Worship You, Almighty God"

arr. by Mark Hayes

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!

All: **The whole earth is full of His glory.**

Leader: Hear the voice of the Lord who says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

All: **May God hear me when I say, "Here I am, send me!"**

*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

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

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durnham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barbara Moss and Norma Raber.

Today's Acolyte is Christopher Pinto.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Bill White and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bruce and Pat Hayes as well as by Ron Schafer in honor of

Dianne Waggaman - Generous heart, Helping hand and a Birthday.

The Liturgist today is Phyllis Jean Smith.

String Quartet provided by the Kokomo Symphony: Moo Il Rhe, Violin 1; Ray Biederman, Violin 2;

Melinda Riley, Viola; Marianne Roszyk, Cello.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*OPENING HYMN

**“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”
“You Are Holy”**

Hymn No. 64
Richy Clark and Radiant Worship

You are Holy, oh so Holy,
You are Holy Lord of all.

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray..

All: **Lord, remind us that Your call is not just to the treasured time of worship or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but because of the resurrection, it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life where many have not heard the Gospel’s call. Help us to speak when it is not easy, to act when it is safer to just go along with wrong. Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ, His kingdom will come; and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine, and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world and lift that world to You. May we, each one, respond to your Holy Spirit today with the words, “Here am I, Send me.” 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.

THE ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

Altar Choir
arr. by Dr. Matthew Brown

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 6:1-8

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

“Here I Am, Lord”

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

“He Touched Me”

*The Doxology

arr. by Jay Rouse
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

*Prayer of Dedication

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Here I am, Lord”

*The altar of this church is open to you... come.
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*

Hymn No. 593

*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 POSTLUDE

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