

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Great is the Lord"

*The Doxology

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

"Tis A Gift to be Simple"

*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 BENEDICTION RESPONSE

THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C"

Jose Antonio Carlos de Seixas

Altar Choir

See Insert

arr. by Jay Rouse

Hymn No. 95



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Mother's Day

May 9, 2010
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The asterisk () signifies the congregation to 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

"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

Children's Choir with Lauren Kingseed and Jason Kelly
Natalie Sleeth

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

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

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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 Dan and Barbara Bourff.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by David & Betsy Durham in honor of their

30th wedding anniversary and by Cheryl Currens in memory of Robert Engleman.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*OPENING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn No. 545

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray..

All: **O God of grace and love,**

We thank you for all that you have given us through the loving care and hard work of our mothers and other maternal figures in our lives.

We pray for your richest blessing upon all women:

For those with difficult homes, whose children are more a problem than a blessing;

For those with no husband or with husbands who find it hard to be constant and loving.

For those with loved ones far away and who are lonely;

For those who find it hard to make ends meet, or who go short themselves for the sake of their families;

For those who are nearly at the end of their tether;

For those who are trying to make Christ real to their families;

For those who do not know him as their Savior, nor how to cast their care on him.

For each one according to her need, hear our prayer, and draw all women closer to you today; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

A CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Connor Matthew Raney

Born February 2, 2010

Parents: Justin and Natalie Raney

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 Connor. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Connor to maturity in You. We will uphold him with our love, teach him the word of God, encourage him when he 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 him and to bring him to the moment when he will choose for himself to know You as Savior and Lord of his life. Amen.

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

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!**

Judges 5:1-9

THE ANTHEM

“How Beautiful”

Altar Choir

arr. by Tom Feltke

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

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.