



St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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April 13, 2008 – 10:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children who have not entered First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude *"Communion Meditation"* Parker
(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

Greeting and Welcome

***Opening Song** Black hymnal, 2223
"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Unison Prayer

Shepherding God, you surprise us with your grace. Open our hearts as you welcome us in love. Make ready our spirits so that we may serve you humbly and faithfully. Amen.

Receiving New Members

Praying

Call to Prayer *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"* Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, *"O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer."*)

Silent Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

The Psalter	Psalm 23	Red hymnal, 137
The Christian Scriptures	Acts 2:42-47	Pew Bible, 120
Anthem		Chancel Choir
	<i>"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"</i> – French Carol Melody/Dunstan	
Sermon	"In Paths of Righteousness"	Dick Clark
Sermon Response	<i>"Shepherd Me, O God"</i>	Black hymnal, 2058

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

The Stoney Lake Bar in Stoney Lake Michigan has several mottos put forward by the owners Red and Jerry Spence. One of them featured on the complimentary books of matches, "you are a stranger here but once." And the other in big letters on each menu reads, "there are no strangers here, only friends we haven't met yet." Not bad mottos for a United Methodist Church either, don't you think?

Offertory

"Bread of the World"

Kendall

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Good and loving Shepherd, we know you call us to share in your work of being guardians of the flock. Help us to do our part responsibly and well. We know that we are also like sheep in need of your tender care and guidance. In whatever place we find ourselves, help us to give ourselves over to your will and so find the strength we need, through Christ Jesus who was the Lamb of God and the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

***Communion Song** *"Come, Share the Lord"* Black hymnal, 2269

The Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's Table. We are all invited without exception because Jesus, our Lord, invites us all without exception, and we need to share this holy meal with one another. The Spirit calls us to gather, to come to this place and meet the Living Jesus. Come with open hands and open hearts. You are all welcome. Come now and take your place at this table where Jesus is Host.

The Great Thanksgiving

Red hymnal, 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(Everyone is invited to come forward, receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Please bring a Communion offering for our St. Tims Hunger Fund, which helps provide food, utilities, and rent for needy families.)

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song** *"Together We Serve"* Black hymnal, 2175

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** *"Shepherd Me, O God"* Black hymnal, 2058

***Postlude** *"Fanfare for the Risen Christ"* Smith

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