

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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April 27, 2008 – 10:15 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude *"Organ Suite: From the Holy Land, 2 A Pastoral Scene"* Baylor
(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

Call to Worship Responsively
Leader: When the way is difficult, and the path is lonely, Jesus says,
People: "I will not leave you alone."
Leader: When the journey is smooth, and the traveling easy, Jesus says,
People: "I will not leave you alone."
Leader: When the horizon is far, and the call is clear, Jesus says,
People: "I will not leave you alone."
Leader: When the place is here, and the time now, Jesus says,
People: "I will not leave you alone."

***Opening Song** *"God Is Here"* Red hymnal, 660

Opening Prayer
Holy God, Holy Spirit, you always seek our good and ever gift our lives. Come to us now. Remind us of Jesus' way and call to love. Empower us by your presence. Shape us as individuals and communities, that our love may indeed be spirited. Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal, 2278

*Passing the Peace

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song *"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"* Black hymnal, 2027(1,2)

Christian Scriptures Acts 17:22-31 Pew Bible, 137

Scripture Song *"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"* Black hymnal, 2027(3)

Christian Gospel John 14:15-21 Pew Bible, 109

Anthem Magee, bassoon solo
"Arioso and Humoresque" – Julius Weissenborn

Sermon *"Christian Spirituality"* Dick Clark

Sermon Response *"Spirit of the Living God"* Red hymnal, 393

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence Liturgist
"God has given us gifts beyond numbering: physical life and spiritual life already at work within us through the Holy Spirit. We have received food and shelter, clothes and work to do. And we have received gifts of far greater value – hope and love, spiritual nourishment and insight into the things of God. In gratitude for all we have received, let us give our gifts to God." - *Word and Witness*

Offertory *"Organ Suite: From the Holy Land, 3 The Temple"* Baylor

***Dedication Song** *"Seek Ye First"* Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison
Ever-present God, your comforting Spirit brings us new life, reminding us that we never walk alone. Give us the wisdom to share your Spirit of life with others and to that end we give these offerings. Help us to see you and to

love you, and help us to see you in the neighbor and the stranger. Through Jesus, Amen.

Going Forth

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| *Closing Song | <i>"God Made From One Blood"</i> | Black hymnal, 2170 |
| *Blessing | | |
| *Blessing Response | <i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i> | Red hymnal. 393 |
| *Postlude | <i>"O Christ, Our King, Creator Lord"</i> | R. Vaughan-Williams |

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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