

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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May 4, 2008 – 10:15 am
Ascension Sunday

(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 "Variations on 'Coronation'" Smith
(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: Come to worship: to find the space filled,
People: to find the time, full, to find the gap, bridged.
Leader: Come to worship: feel God's presence here,
People: know that God has not abandoned us, but is only a breath away.
Leader: Come and worship.

***Opening Song** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Red hymnal, 327

Opening Prayer

O God, through Christ you have welcomed redeemed humanity into your very presence. Grace us with your Spirit's presence and power, that we may embody your redemptive love for those in our midst who wait upon the gift of presence, the hope of acceptance, and the mercy of compassion. In Jesus' name. 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

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Song

"*God Claims You*"

Black hymnal, 2249

On the refrain we sing "Rusty, Rusty, God claims you, ..."
On the second verse we sing "Dan and Terri love you so, ..."

The Order for Baptism

Red hymnal, 39-44

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song

"*Christ Beside Me*"

Black hymnal, 2166(1)

Christian Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible, 91

Scripture Song

"*Christ Beside Me*"

Black hymnal, 2166(2)

Christian Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible, 118

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"*Acclamation*" (*Hallelujah, Praise the Lord*) from *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray

Sermon

"*Jesus Ascended – Where Did Jesus Go?*"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"*Christ Beside Me*"

Black hymnal, 2166(1)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"A danger for us is to believe that the power of the Holy Spirit is reserved for the spectacular instead of released in the mundane. The danger is thinking that God is only present in big things and not in little things. The danger is thinking that God's power is limited to the few instead of being available to all. The danger is thinking that God's power is given to other people, but not to me."
-*Word & Witness*

Offertory

"*Christ the Victor*"

Kendall

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

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison

O God, we will make known your name, Love, in the talks of the politicians, in the words of government, in the dogmas of the church where your name is rarely mentioned. We will make known your name, Healing, in the silence of the abused, in the loneliness of the uncomfortable, in the disunity of the church where your name gets only lip-service. We will make known your name, Peace, in the blessing of war-craft, in the reasoning of the terrorist, in the calling for battle where your name is misused. And we will add our own names to those who have spoken yours ... Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song** "At the Font We Start Our Journey" Black hymnal, 2114

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** "Christ Beside Me" Black hymnal, 2166(2)

***Postlude** "Chorale" Chopin

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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