

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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July 6, 2008 – 10:15 am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

(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

"Rigaudon"

Campra

(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: God invites all who are weary to come. Come now with the burdens of work, home, and community. Jesus promises,

All: I will give you rest.

L: God invites all who are weary to come. Come now with the burdens of illness, of fear, of hopelessness. Jesus promises,

All: I will give you rest.

L: God invites all who are weary to come. Come now with the burdens of anger, of prejudice, of alienation. Jesus promises,

All: I will give you rest.

L: God invites all who are weary to come. God invites all who are weary to lay down their burdens. God invites all who are weary to find peace.

All: We gather in hope and to rest in God.

***Opening Song**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Red hymnal, 451

Unison Prayer

God of Sabbath promise, you not only created work, but the blessing of rest. Often we feel exhausted, overstressed and overwhelmed, in need of renewal and refreshment – to be re-created. Help us to take up your invitation of respite for our souls and spirits, of comfort for our bodies and minds, of a pause for quiet, for sabbatical, for holiday. Open us to receive your gentling Spirit and your relaxing presence. 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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Red hymnal, 340

The Christian Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 20-25 Pew Bible, 11

Anthem "His Yoke Is Easy/Come Unto Me" Carol B.

Sermon "Taking Jesus' Easy Yoke" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Cares Chorus" Black hymnal, 2215

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

God who has created a bountiful world filled with good things, invites us to enjoy it. God calls us to the dance and celebration of life. May our giving be a part of that celebration, a joyous act of appreciation for all that God has done and is doing in creation. *-Seasons of the Spirit*

Offertory "Prayer" Vierne

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Use these gifts, O God, to bring rest, renewal, and refreshment to those people and places that need it most. Take our talents and our dreams, our laughter and our singing, our tears and our anxieties – use them all to bring your season of new life to fullest bloom. Amen.

Going Forth

- *Closing Song** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* Red hymnal, 526
- *Blessing**
- *Blessing Response** *"Cares Chorus"* Black hymnal, 2215
- *Postlude** *"Recessional"* Stickles

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