

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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July 20, 2008 – 10:15 am
Tenth 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 "Menuetto" – Mozart Clarinet Quartet
(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: We lie down to sleep and to dream; we awaken knowing that God is in that place. Wherever we are,
All: We are in the presence of God.
L: We eat and dress and prepare for our day and, moment by moment, the chance is offered to know that God is in that place. Wherever we are,
All: We are in the presence of God.
L: All around us every minute there are messengers of God, whispering, shouting, serving, praying; until we realize, startled, that God is in that place. Wherever we are,
All: We are in the presence of God.
L: We come from many directions to gather here, where we dare to hope that God is in this place. Wherever we are,
All: We are in the presence of God.
L: Come, let us worship God in this place.

***Opening Song** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Red hymnal, 139

Unison Prayer

Searching God, you who are always seeking us, following behind us when we flee, catch our hearts today and draw us into your waiting presence where we can learn how to wait as you wait – eagerly, hopefully, joyfully – for our holiness to grow and our chaff to be burned away in the brilliant fire of the Spirit. 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

Unison

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Genesis 28:10-19a Pew Bible, 25

Scripture Song "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Red hymnal, 500

The Psalter Psalm 139 Red hymnal, 854
Response: **Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.**

Meditation "Prayer" – Humperdinck Clarinet Quartet

Sermon "Living These Days with God" Don Carver

Sermon Response "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" +UMH, No. 500 (vs.1)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

We are adopted as children of God. We are always in the presence of God. So let us rejoice and be glad! Let us give thanks to God through our gifts! *-Seasons of the Spirit*

Offertory "Finlandia" - Sibelius Clarinet Quartet

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Wherever we go, O God, we find you there. In darkness and in light. In the wings of morning and the depths of the sea. You know who we are, and you love us deeply and unceasingly. Take our gifts. Take our lives. Take our hopes and dreams, and shape them anew for the good of your children, and the wondrous creation of which we are all a part. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"We Are Called"

Black hymnal, 2172

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Red hymnal, 500 (1)

***Postlude**

"Allegro Maestoso"

Stickles

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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