

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**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Song "God Claims You" Black hymnal, 2249
On the refrain we sing "Libby, Libby, God claims you, ..."
On the second verse we sing "Robert and Jennifer love you so, ..."

The Order for Baptism Elizabeth Lauren Red hymnal, 39-44

Listening to the Word

The Christian Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Pew Bible, 14

Scripture Song "Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)" Red hymnal, 583

Sermon Cody Nielsen

Sermon Response "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405(1)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Scholarship Presentation

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

It doesn't take much to turn things toward healing. With the Spirit of God, our tiny offerings become storehouses for hope. Our barely visible ministries become important to make another world possible. We give our selves, our lives, our offering in a sacred trust that God is at work and wastes nothing we share. -*Seasons of the Spirit*

Offertory "As Torrents in Summer" Elgar

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

As a small amount of yeast can leaven a large batch of dough, as a small seed can grow into a great plant that bears much fruit, as a tiny pearl can have great value, let our humble lives and simple offerings become more than they are in a world broken by unshared bread but blessed by your just and gracious kingdom. Use us and what we have to bring closer the beloved community. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

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. The Spirit calls us to gather, to come to this place and meet the Living Jesus. Come with open hands and open hearts. 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**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Black hymnal, 2241

***Blessing**

Go forth, you yeast of the Reign of God and let the hope rise! Go forth, you pesky mustard ministers and watch the yield of grace spread! Go forth, you treasures of God's delight and live in faithfulness. May the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit abide with us in imperial revelry.

***Blessing Response**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405(1)

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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We welcome Cody Nielsen today as our guest preacher. He graduated from UNI in December, 2005, with majors in Social Work and Psychology. Cody served the last two years as the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry Intern. He is working towards ordination in the United Methodist Church, having become a Certified Candidate just recently. Cody is enrolled at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. where he will begin his work towards a Masters of Divinity degree this Fall. He has a passion for Campus Ministry and social change.

We also welcome Erin, Cody's wife. Erin graduated from UNI in December 2005 with a History major and a minor in Politics and Law. She received her Masters in History in May, 2008.