

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church**  
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**August 10, 2008 – 10:15 am**  
**Thirteenth 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** "A Song of Peace" Powell

(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 come seeking sanctuary from conflict and grief in our personal and family lives.

**People: God, help us know you.**

Leader: Be still and know God ... (pause) We come seeking hope in the hard feelings and arguments in our community.

**People: God, help us know you.**

Leader: Be still and know God ... (pause) We come seeking a dream of true peace in the mist of news of war, religious tensions, and suffering.

**People: God, help us know you.**

Leader: Be still and know God ...

**\*Opening Song** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Red hymnal, 127

### **Unison Prayer**

***Holy Dream-giver, sometimes our vision becomes focused on ourselves. Sometimes we respond to new visions with fear and we try to block them, even injuring those who share them. Sometimes we keep dreams locked in our heads and focus on the grief for what is lost to us. God, return us to you in community. 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** "When Cain Killed Abel" Black hymnal, 2135

**The Christian Gospel** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Pew Bible, 34

**Anthem** Sherm, vocal solo  
"Be Thou My Vision" – Trad. Irish Melody/ancient Irish words

**Sermon** "Brother or Slave?" Dick Clark

**Sermon Response** "Make Me a Servant" Black hymnal, 2176

## Responding to the Word

### **Opportunities and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** Liturgist  
"Around 12.3 million people are enslaved worldwide, according to a major report. The International Labour Organization says 2.4 million of them are victims of trafficking, and their labour generates profits of over \$30 billion. On a special edition of the BBC phone-in program, *Talking Point*, Mary from London commented: "More public awareness is needed. When talking to a colleague about the use of child slaves to make chocolate and carpets they told me that 'at least they have a job.' I pointed out that children being kidnapped from their families and forced to work in appalling conditions was not 'having a job' but totally unacceptable. Most people just seem to want to pretend it is not happening."  
-*Seasons of the Spirit*

**Offertory** "Safe in His Keeping" Marshall

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*We feed your dreams for wholeness with our gifts, with our own dreams, and with our own listening attention to the whispering questions around us. In our living faith, may your dreams become bread for those without food and love for those who have given up. May we live in Christ's resurrection with all that we do. Amen.*

**Going Forth**

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| <b>*Closing Song</b>      | <i>"We Shall Overcome"</i> | Red hymnal, 533    |
| <b>*Blessing</b>          |                            |                    |
| <b>*Blessing Response</b> | <i>"Make Me a Servant"</i> | Black hymnal, 2176 |
| <b>*Postlude</b>          | <i>"Venite Adoremus"</i>   | Chester            |

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand  
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