

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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September 28, 2008 – 10:15 am
Twentieth 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 *"Heeding the Call"* Birchwood
(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

Choral Introit *"Come, Bless the Lord"* – Lovelace Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Responsively

Leader: When we are hungry for a sustaining faith, we ask,

All: Are you among us, O God?

L: When we are thirsty for justice and peace, we ask,

All: Are you among us, O God?

L: As wandering people who long for mercy, we ask,

All: Are you among us, O God?

L: Secure in the freedom of your love, we ask,

All: Are you among us, O God?

***Opening Song** *"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"* Red hymnal, 166

Unison Prayer

Holy God, you invite us to be powerful in ways so different from those of the world. Empty us of all that is not of you, so that, like Jesus, we can be filled with you, and reveal your radiant glory to all we meet each day. 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 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Black hymnal, 2100(1-3)

The Christian Scriptures Philippians 2:1-13 Pew Bible, 197

Scripture Song "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Black hymnal, 2100(4-5)

The Christian Gospel Matthew 21:23-32 Pew Bible, 23

Anthem "What Wondrous Love Is This" – USA Folk hymn Chancel Choir

Sermon "The Christian Life As Emptying" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Black hymnal, 2157

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Thank You to Janet Krebs for 25 Years of Service Tom Pounds

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

God provides us with more than we can ever imagine. Let us show our thanks,
and give an offering to God. - *Seasons of the Spirit*, 2005

Offertory "Offertory on 'Serenity'" Smith

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Creator God, you nurture us with the abundance of your creation. You have blessed us with talents and gifts that enable us to rejoice in life. Your wisdom and your spirit also fulfill our deepest longings. For all these, we are truly thankful, O God. Out of gratitude, we offer what you have already given us in full. May our offerings as well as our heart and soul express your loving kindness in the ministry of the church. Bless our offerings, O God of love and mystery, that our brothers and sisters in our community and around the world may know the joy of your reign. In Christ's name, Amen.

***Statement of Faith**

Unison

We believe God stirs the future with holy intent; that God's promise dances and lures us towards uncrossed horizons, and that we hear the echo of heaven calling us towards a new sunrise. And we choose to go; we choose to move out onto the road and join the movement of love.

We believe Jesus entered the present as God's gift of love; that his teaching and living, his touching and healing, his dying and rising, pulled heaven's dreams into reality; and that he chose to do this costly thing for the sake of us, the world. And we choose to play our part; choose to move out onto the road and join the movement of love.

We believe the Spirit disturbed all our past, moulding chaos into cosmos; that she wraps all darkness in rainbows, turns forced silence into singing, goads laughter out of fear; and that her voice is the whisper of love that ripples through the universe. And we choose to rise into her life; choose to move out onto the road and join the movement of love.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"Lord of the Dance"

Red hymnal, 261

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Black hymnal, 2157

***Postlude**

"Marche Aux Flambeaux"

Stickles

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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