

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church**  
3220 Terrace Drive  
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**October 26, 2008 – 10:15 am**  
**24<sup>th</sup> 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** "Song of the Redeemed" Smith

(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/Anthem** "This Is the Day" – Ken & Rhonda Beard Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship** Responsively

Leader: The years of our life number seventy. If we are uncommonly strong maybe eighty.

**All: Yet they only bring trouble and sorrow.**

L: For we can't forget how soon they pass, how swiftly they fly by.

**All: Help me understand how to count my days, how to embrace my life that I may nourish a heart of wisdom.**

*-from Opening To You (Zen-Inspired translations of the Psalms), Norman Fischer*

**\*Opening Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Red hymnal, 140

### **Unison Prayer**

***We come to you, God, bringing our dreams, bringing our longing to be whole, bringing our deep questions. Heal our world in pain from religious misunderstanding, violence, and the gap between the rich and the poor. Heal our families and communities as we each try to show love each day. Heal our church as it struggles to live your love, show your mercy, and witness to your justice. Allow the work of our hands to bring praise to your name. Allow the movement of our hands, feet, and hearts to offer love to others. Amen.***



**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*Loving God, through all our years, let the church be a place where we learn about love and practice it, where we envision peace and work to build it, where we meet partners in faith and cherish them, where we discover our gifts and offer them. May your Spirit guide us toward joy and generosity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Going Forth**

<b>*Closing Song</b>	"Hymn of Promise"	Red hymnal, 707
<b>*Blessing</b>		Responsively
<b>*Blessing Response</b>	"Love the Lord Your God"	Black hymnal, 2168
<b>*Postlude</b>	"Jubilate Amen"	Charles

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand

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Please let the office know if you'd like a copy.**

**Our Witness of Inclusion**

The congregation of St. Timothys United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls celebrates God's gifts as a faith community built upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called and strive to be an open, loving, and caring congregation; to proclaim Jesus' love and justice to all; and to live out God's unending love through the inclusiveness and welcoming of all persons, including those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.