

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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January 25, 2009 – 10:15 am
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

(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

"Choral Song"

Wesley

(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: God called to Jonah, and he turned away.

All: Jesus called the fishers by the sea, and they followed him.

L: God calls on us to repent – to turn our lives around.

All: Let us respond to God's call. Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

Red hymnal, 428

Unison Prayer

Forgive us, God of unrelenting mercy, for the times we have run the other way rather than enter the territory of those we do not like, those who have hurt us, those we consider our enemy. Forgive us for the times we have resented your forgiveness of those we consider unforgivable. Forgive us for the times we have wallowed in anger and self-pity rather than rejoice in the bounty of your love for all people. Sometimes we, like Jonah, want you to punish our enemies and confirm our prejudices. Forgive us for putting boundaries around your mercy and borders on your forgiveness. Help us to see ourselves as children of the Most Merciful One, sisters and brothers of all whom you have created. Help us to forgive those who sin against us as your forgive us. 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 "Two Fishermen" Black hymnal, 2101 (1,2)

Hebrew Scriptures Jonah 3:1-10 Pew Bible, 860

Scripture Song "Two Fishermen" Black hymnal, 2101 (3,4)

The Christian Gospel Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible, 35

Anthem "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" – Arr. Marchionda Chancel Choir
Bob Abbott, Saxophone

Sermon "Telling Fish Stories" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Change My Heart, O God" Black hymnal, 2152

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities

Offertory Sentence – an invitation to offering Responsively

Leader: God is always calling us.

All: How and when shall we respond?

L: God has so much to give each one of us.

All: And we have much to give in return.

L: Let us not hesitate in heeding God's call.

All: Let us respond this hour!

Offertory "Chimes At Dawn" Van Woert

