

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church**  
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**February 1, 2009 – 10:15 am**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Black History Month – A Season of Spirituals**

*(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**

*"From An Old Missal"*

Thompson

(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: Here in the midst of God's people, let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

**All: How wonderful are the things that God has done!**

L: God's wonderful deeds are well-known, for God is gracious and merciful.

**All: God is faithful and just in all things.**

L: God has set us free, and offers us an everlasting covenant. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

**All: Come, let us worship the God of mercy, justice, and love.**

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

*"Lord of the Dance"*

Red hymnal, 261

#### **Unison Prayer**

**Dear God, open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today. Open our eyes to see where Jesus' healing love is needed in our world. Open our hands to do your work and help where help is needed. Open our lips to bring comfort, joy, and laughter to your people. Open our minds to hear new truths about how you work in our world. Open our hearts to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as you love 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**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

## Listening to the Word

**Scripture Song** Red hymnal, 263 (1,5-7)  
"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"

**The Christian Gospel** Mark 1:21-28 Pew Bible, 35

**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
"Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" – Doran, Beethoven/arr. Clark  
(Words to the anthem can be found in Red hymnal, 264)

**Sermon** "Exorcising the Unclean Spirits" Dick Clark

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

## Responding to the Word

### **Announcements and Opportunities**

**Offertory Sentence** Liturgist  
"Giving is not a luxury in human relationships. It is the essence of human relationships. The same is true of our relationship with God. God so loved that God gave."  
-Word and Witness

**Offertory** "Sanctuary" Rasley

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Unison  
*You sustain us, loving God, with the gifts that are life to us. May our gifts be life to this community, life to the wider church, and life to those who are fearful and without hope. 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**

*Gracious God, giver of all good things, empower us through our sharing of bread and wine to be your people, to proclaim in word and deed the love you have for all. May this holy food nourish and sustain us on our life journeys as we seek to follow Jesus. May his vision of your compassionate heart be our vision. May his courage be our courage. Now, send us out into the world you love, to care for that world and all life within it. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

## Going Forth

**\*Closing Song**      *"Wounded World That Cries For Healing"*      Black hymnal, 2177

### **\*Blessing**

**\*Blessing Response**      "Guide My Feet"      Black hymnal, 2208 (1)

**\*Postlude**      *"March in G"*      Schreiner

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand  
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