

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
April 19, 2009 – 10:15 am
Second Sunday of Easter

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/Anthem

Jessie Tang

"The Allegro from Sonata No. 15 in D major, Op. 28 'Pastorale'" – Beethoven

(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: Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Come, bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Come, let us worship God.

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Red hymnal, 304

Unison Prayer

***Come to us, God. Open our locked doors and hearts. Dust us off,
and make us new. Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings, into
the exciting mysteries of discipleship. We long to be your Easter people,
to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. 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

Results of Resurrection

***Passing the Peace**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Song	<i>"God Claims You"</i>	Black hymnal, 2249
	On the refrain we sing "Adelyn, Adelyn, God claims you, ..."	
	On the second verse we sing "Jeff and Heather love you so, ..."	
The Order for Baptism	Adelyn Mae	Red hymnal, 39-44

Listening to the Word

The New Testament	Acts 4:32-35	Pew Bible, 122
The Psalter	Psalm 133	Red hymnal, 850
The Gospel	John 20:19-31	Pew Bible, 115
Scripture Song	<i>"Without Seeing You"</i>	Black hymnal, 2206
The Sermon	"Results of Resurrection"	Dick Clark
Sermon Response	<i>"Allelulia"</i>	Red hymnal, 186

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Those first Jesus-followers believed that in the resurrection the world had been turned upside down. Because of Jesus they could now joyfully and compassionately share everything they owned with one another and with the world. And their giving challenged the world, dared it to be a place where all are welcomed and cared for. May our giving also be a challenge, a bold announcement that previous claims of ownership and rights have given way to responsibilities to share everything we have with the whole world. Let the offering be given and received in that spirit."

-Word & Witness

Offertory	<i>"Resting In Jesus"</i>	Logan
*Dedication Song	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i>	Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Like the early church, we bring our gifts, and share them amongst us, that pooled together, our wealth might help to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ to others, bring new life and new hope to a hurting world. Amen.

***Statement of Faith – We do not believe**

We do not believe God wills hunger and poverty for the planet's children. We do not believe God organizes the death of anyone young or old. We do not believe God hates our questions and detests our doubts. We do not believe God wishes us to accept everything without debate. We do not believe God likes the status quo that denies people liberty and freedom. We do not believe God is silent in the councils of government. We do not believe God approves what we have done to religion. We do not believe God speaks only through words. We do not believe God can be understood only through the interpretation of scholars. We do not believe God is limited by human description. We do believe God loves us. We do believe God loves us so much that death was crushed, and life began anew. We believe what we can grasp, and hold and touch, and also what we cannot grasp but know deep within. We have not seen the empty tomb but we believe in the Risen and Living Christ. We believe. God, help our unbelief. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"We Walk By Faith"

Black hymnal, 2196

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Allelulia"

Red hymnal, 186

***Postlude**

"He Is King of Kings"

Curtis

* = The Congregation is invited to stand

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