

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
April 26, 2009 – 10:15 am
Third 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 "Awake Thou Wintry Earth" 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

Call to Worship Responsively

Leader: Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent

All: and we have not yet recognized your face in each of our brothers and sisters.

L: Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent

All: and we have not yet shared your bread in grace with our brothers and sisters.

L: Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent

All: and we have not listened for your word in the words of our brothers and sisters.

L: Stay with us Lord,

All: because our very night becomes day when you are here.

***Opening Song** "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Red hymnal, 318

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, stay with us. Warm our hearts with the presence of your word, and strengthen our resolve to extend the hospitality of your love and grace to those in need. Grant that we may see, and in seeing trust, and in trusting follow. 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.")

The Living Jesus is with us

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal, 2278

*Passing the Peace

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song

"Stay With Us"

Black hymnal, 2199

The Christian Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, 90

Anthem "On the Journey to Emmaus" – Gaelic Melody/Marty Haugen Chancel Choir
Ross and Owen, percussion

The Sermon

"The Living Jesus Is With Us"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"He Lives"

Red hymnal, 310 (refrain)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Gosh, Grandpa, You mean you don't think Jesus rose from the dead?' 'I'm a-saying that did He or didn't He ain't important, son. What's important is that when the spirit a-Jesus Christ come down on them disciples later, they quit settin' round a-moanin' and a-tremblin', and got to work. They warn't scairt no more, and the words they spoke had fire in'm. Compared to a miracle like that, Jesus rollin' back a dang rock and flyin' off to Heaven ain't nothin'."

"that same miracle is still a happenin', right here in Cold Sassy (Cedar Falls?), in July of nineteen aught-six. A crippled person or a invalid, or the meanest thief or the most despairin' misfit, why, if'n he can ketch ahold of the spirit of Jesus Christ, he can quit bein' scairt and be like risin' up from the dead. Once his soul gits cured, no matter what his body's like, why, he can start a new life."

Olive Ann Burns, *Cold Sassy Tree*. Dell Publishing Co., Inc., p. 188

Offertory

"Agincourt Hymn"

Dunstable

*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

God our Maker, you find us wherever we are and walk beside us. Today, our paths connect, and we gather here, in community. Be with us in our singing and praying, in our thanking and our giving, we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"The Servant Song"

Black hymnal, 2222

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"He Lives"

Red hymnal, 310 (refrain)

***Postlude**

"Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia"

Smith

* = The Congregation is invited to stand

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