

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
May 17, 2009 – 10:15 am
Youth Sunday

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. Martin

(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

Leader: Loving God, you call us to be true friends.

All: Help us to love one another.

Leader: You call us to share each other's happiness.

All: Help us to love one another.

Leader: You call us to share each other's sadness.

All: Help us to love one another.

Leader: You call us to "go the extra mile" for a friend.

All: Help us to love one another.

Leader: You call us to love as we have been loved by you.

All: Help us to love one another.

-adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

***Opening Song**

Black hymnal, 2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Presentation of the Bouquet

***Hymn**

"Gather Us In"

Black Hymnal, 2256

Unison Prayer

God of love, in you we abide. In you we find our ground for growing as a community of disciples, seeking to know and do your will. Strengthen us to follow in Jesus' footsteps, loving others as you have loved us. Amen.

-Seasons of the Spirit

OLD
TURTLE

Offertory

*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405

Flower Communion Prayer

In the name of Providence, which implants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony; In the name of the highest, in whom we move and who makes the mother and father, the brother and sister, lover and loner what they are; In the name of sages and great religious leaders, who sacrificed their lives to hasten the coming of the age of mutual respect--Let us renew our resolution—sincerely to be real brothers and sisters regardless of any kind of bar which estranges us from each other. In this holy resolve may we be strengthened knowing that we are God's one family; that one spirit, the spirit of love, unites us; and endeavor for a more perfect and more joyful life. Amen.

Going Forth

Song

"A Dazzling Bouquet"

See insert

*Flower Communion Procession

*Closing Song

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

See insert

*Blessing

*Postlude

"Promised Land"

Traditional American Melody/arr. Martin

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Portions of this service were from adapted from material developed by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, Laura Goist and Susan Miracle of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Sharing the Story was adapted as a choral reading by Alyssa from "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth", a story by Douglas Wood with Illustrations by Jon J. Muth.

Choreography and Dance Performance by Magee.