

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
May 31, 2009 – 10:15 am
Pentecost/Confirmation 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

"Sanctuary Prayer"

Ritter

(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: Jesus was very young.

People: He was only 12 years old.

L: He sat among the teachers in the Temple, listening and asking questions.

P: And he frightened his parents when they could not find him in their homeward-bound party.

L: Gracious Parent of all your children, look with favor upon these boys and girls who, at a similar age, are about to be confirmed in their baptismal faith.

P: Help them grow in their knowledge of your Word and in their love for serving Jesus.

L: Accept this service of confirmation as a thank offering for your gift of them to us, their parents, their congregation.

P: Make them wholly yours from this day forward, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Song**

"God of the Sparrow"

Red hymnal, 122

Unison Prayer for Our Confirmand

Gracious and loving God of justice and peace, grant that this Confirmand, as he grows in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus our Lord, and that by the renewing and transforming influence of the Holy Spirit he may ever be a true child of yours, serving you faithfully all his days. So guide and uphold his parents and this congregation that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead him into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation

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

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.

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Red hymnal, 544(1,2)

The First Lesson Romans 8:22-27 Pew Bible, 158

Scripture Song "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Red hymnal, 544(3)

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:12-13 Pew Bible, 27

Anthem Bob A., saxophone
"Amazing Grace" –Trad. Spiritual/arr. Hayes, Clark

The Sermon "Can You Hear the Groans?" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Red hymnal, 420(1)

Celebrating Confirmation

The Service of Confirmation Red hymnal, 45-49

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"We know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and any who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:16, 11

Offertory

"I Do Believe"

Wilson

*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison

O God, we ask you to take our hands and work through them; take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and think through them; take our hearts and by your Holy Spirit set them on fire with your love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Going Forth

*Closing Song

"Lord of the Dance"

Red hymnal, 261

*Blessing

*Blessing Response

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Red hymnal, 420(2)

*Postlude

"Rejoice in the Lord"

Kern

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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