

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
June 14, 2009 – 10:15 am
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" 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

Leader: As seed is scattered generously in the hope of new growth,

All: so we are gathered, then sent by the generous and hopeful love of God.

L: And as plants take root deep within nourishing soils,

All: so we are invited to find our lives in the very heart of God.

L: Friends, be strengthened and encouraged. Let us open ourselves to the God who delights in our growth as people of wisdom, spirit, and compassion.

All: Amen.

***Opening Song** "Hymn of Promise" Red hymnal, 707

Unison Prayer

God of great kindness and undying hope, we ask that your vision of a renewed world be rekindled in us today. May the promise of your reign and the wonder of its inclusive ways, redirect and inspire us into the days and weeks ahead. In the name of Christ and through the enfolding of the Spirit we pray. 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 Kingdom of God

is like a mustard seed...

Silent Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "The Kingdom of God" Red hymnal, 275

The Gospel Mark 4:26-34 Pew Bible, 38

Meditation "Berceuse" – Cesar Cui, Op. 56 Ensemble
Ensemble: Carol Morgan, flute; Emogene Marty, violin; Linda Clark, piano

The Sermon "The Kingdom of God is Like ..." Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (refrain) Black hymnal, 2190

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence Liturgist
"Speaking of weeds, Valerie Stultz, preaching on this text before a number of pastors at a recent School, explained that mustard seeds were once regarded as 'weed seeds,' good for nothing except to be discouraged and discarded. Still, Stultz said, Jesus used these weed seeds as persistent paradigms for the growth of God's Rule. Where are there weed seeds in your world? Where are there persons which you wish to ignore but which God would wish to use? Could the point of the parable and the image be that God uses unlikely candidates as vessels for the proclamation of the gospel of grace? Something as ugly as a seed? Somebody as unsightly and unlikely as you and me?"
Word and Witness, 1997

Offertory "I Lay My Sins On Jesus" Smith

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

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison
God of all our hopes, we give thanks for the way you see and the many ways that you provide. Accept these gifts we bring as small tokens of our desire to join with you in your creative work of transformation and justice. Amen.
Seasons of the Spirit, 2006

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.)

Communion Music

"Trio" – C.P.E. Bach

Ensemble

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**

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Black hymnal, 2190

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" (refrain)

Black hymnal, 2190

***Postlude**

"Trio Sonata in C" – J. J. Quantz

Ensemble

* = The Congregation is invited to stand

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