

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
July 5, 2009 – 10:15 am
Fifth 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

"Communion"

Auber

(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

Pastor: Here is an ordinary table familiar and worn with use. Come, look beyond the grains of wood, and sense the power it holds to feed, unite, and create a holy communing.

People: May we glimpse godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

Liturgist: Here is a pulpit holding stories of faith, perhaps grown ordinary with repetition. Come, hear anew the sacred words and listen between the lines for the calling and sending, teaching and healing.

People: May we glimpse godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

Pastor: Here is our ordinary community made of peculiarities and imperfections. Come, draw near to one another in spirit and recognize the holy presence that makes us an extraordinary people of justice and love and good work.

People: May we glimpse godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

***Opening Hymn**

"The Summons"

Black hymnal 2130

Gathering Prayer

We come together in this place where the ordinary becomes sanctified and the familiar is made new. Make us mindful, O Prophetic One, of your call on our lives and of the Spirit's power. Fill us with holy imagination and vision as we gather up the courage to live as your people in this world. Amen.

Instructions

for the Journey

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

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "Guide My Feet" Black hymnal 2208 (1,2,6)

The Christian Gospel Mark 6:1-13 Pew Bible 40

Sermon "Instructions For the Journey" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" Black hymnal 2214

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"In *Saying Yes and Saying No*, Robert McAfee Brown writes: 'God needs us? Here is a place where traditional Christians need to learn from Heschel (Abraham Joshua Heschel). There is a famous equation in William Temple's *Nature, Man and God* that goes: the world - God = 0; God - the world = God. Not so, Heschel insists. God minus the world is a God diminished. God needs us. The fulfillment of God's intention for the world cannot be accomplished apart from the work of God's children. God has placed us in the midst of an unfinished creation and given us the task of helping to bring it to fulfillment.'"

Robert McAfee Brown, *Saying Yes and Saying No*, Westminster, pp. 48-49.

Offertory "Jesus Paid It All" Broughton

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

We believe this world can be a place of hope: where power is shared; where all have clean water and enough to eat; where there is concern and action to secure freedom and justice. We believe this world can be a place of peace: where love triumphs over war; where people of different faiths live together in good will; where there is unity among neighbors. We believe this world can be a place of truth: where words of honesty are heard more often than words of propaganda; where there is honor among those who govern; where integrity guides our daily lives. We believe in god's way of love and peace and we will proclaim it. Amen.

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 Song

"Come, Share the Lord"

Black hymnal, 2269

Unison Prayer

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront others without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual patience and respect. Send us out, sure in your grace and peace, to live faithfully. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Black hymnal 2237

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* Black hymnal 2214
***"Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me."***

***Postlude** *"Postlude in F"* Krebs

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