

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa**  
**July 12, 2009 – 10:15 am**  
**Sixth 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**

*"Sarabande"*

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(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: David and all the House of Israel were dancing before God with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals!

***People: God we cannot dance in body or with heart, unless you lead us!***

Liturgist: You, happy God, also dance and sing and leap joyfully and as you do, so then shall we all leap into love and from love into knowledge of your word!

***People: God we cannot dance in body or with heart, unless you lead us!***

**\*Opening Hymn**    *"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"*    Red hymnal 68

**Gathering Prayer**

***O God, breath of our souls, you are the heartbeat of our delight and longing. We give you thanks for all the moments of our lives that are filled with the joy of being your creatures on this amazing planet. Thank you for the languages of music and rhythm that cross all boundaries. Thank you for all the signs and symbols of your presence with us. Help us to be the song you sing and the movement you dance so that with your people throughout the whole earth, we might enjoy the glorious life that you lavish upon your beloved world. Amen.***

**Praying**

**Call to Prayer**

*"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

Black hymnal 2200

**The Dance of Life**

## Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

### Silent Prayer

**Lord's Prayer** (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

### \*Passing the Peace

#### Listening to the Word

**Scripture Song**      "*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*"      Black hymnal 2089 (1,2)

**The First Lesson**                      2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19                      Pew Bible 249

**Scripture Song**      "*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*"      Black hymnal 2089 (3)

**The Christian Gospel**                      Mark 6:14-29                      Pew Bible 40

**Anthem**    Members of the George Walker Society

**Sermon**    "The Dance of Life"                      Dick Clark

**Sermon Response**                      "*Lord of the Dance*"                      Red hymnal 261

#### Responding to the Word

### Opportunities and Announcements

#### Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"The kingdom of God that Jesus announced and embodied is what life would be like on earth, here and now, if God were king and the rulers of this world were not (Borg, Crossan). Imagine if God ruled the nations, and not Obama, Kim Jong-il, Mugabe, or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Every aspect of personal and communal life would experience a radical reversal. The political, economic, and social subversions would be almost endless – peace-making instead of war mongering, liberation not exploitation, sacrifice rather than subjugation, mercy not vengeance, care for the vulnerable instead of privileges for the powerful, generosity instead of greed, humility rather than hubris, embrace rather than exclusion. The ancient Hebrews had a marvelous word for this, *shalom*, or human well-being. Daniel B. Clendenin, *The Journey with Jesus: Notes to Myself*, July 12, 2009.

**Offertory**    "*Offertory in B Flat*"                      Nolte

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

***God, we know that the earth and everything in it comes from you and belongs to you. You have dreams for all creation – dreams to bring everyone into your love and care. Help us to dream this same dream and live in ways that bring your dream into reality. Amen.***

**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Song**

*"Lord of the Dance"*

Red hymnal 261

**\*Blessing**

Leader: Send us forth from this holy place, blessed with your presence in our midst and dancing the gospel of life out into the world.

***People: Our souls and spirits dance to the heartbeat of life wherever we are on earth on this day and always. Amen.***

**\*Blessing Response**

*"Lord of the Dance"*

Red hymnal 261

***"Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be;  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."***

**\*Postlude**

*"Venite"*

Heyward

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**We are very pleased to welcome three members of the George Walker Society to our worship today: Celeste Bembry, Terrell Izzard, and Eric Eichelberger. We appreciate their presence with us and having them share their music.**