

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
July 19, 2009 – 10:15 am
Seventh 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 "The Son of God Goes Forth" Paxton

(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

L: We gather in the presence of God and one another.

People: The love of God gives us our place.

L: We gather here in the presence of mystery.

People: The love of God gives us our place.

L: We gather here in the presence of Jesus and all those who have traveled this way before us.

People: The love of God gives us our place.

L: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" Red hymnal 546

Gathering Prayer

God we pray for the gift of place – a space where we may experience your presence, where we may attend to the needs of others and ourselves, where we may rest, and where we may serve. For in such a place do we find life and hope, now and always. 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.**")

A Dwelling Place for God

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

***Passing the Peace**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Song

"God Claims You"

Black hymnal, 2249

On the refrain we sing "Gabriel, Gabriel, God claims you, ..."
On the second verse we sing "Thad and Heather love you so, ..."

The Order for Baptism

Gabriel Joseph

Red hymnal, 39-44

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song

"Together We Serve"

Black hymnal 2175(1,2)

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Pew Bible 281

Scripture Song

"Together We Serve"

Black hymnal 2175(3,4)

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

Pew Bible

Anthem

"At the Name of Jesus" – Noel/Ralph Vaughan Williams

Frank Thompson

Sermon

"A Dwelling Place for God"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"Sanctuary"

Black hymnal 2164

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Appalachian Service Project Team Send Off – Introductions and Prayer

Offertory Sentence

"We who were once far off have been brought near through the gift of life that comes to us through Christ Jesus. Let us bring our offerings to God, as a way of saying "thanks" for all that God has done.

Seasons of the Spirit, 2006

Liturgist

Offertory

"Melody in G"

Berge

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

O God, we give you thanks that you are our dwelling place. In you we live and move and have our being. As we offer you our gifts, help us to reach out into your world with hands that heal and hearts that reconcile. Amen.

-Seasons of the Spirit, 2006

***Litany for the Homeless**

Leader: Homeless people can be seen in doorways, in bus stations, in parks, on the roadside, and among us. Homeless people can be found in abandoned buildings, in shelters, and in parked cars. In the hustle and bustle of our lives we often walk by.

People: O God, help us slow down our fast-paced lives and give us the strength to open our eyes to those who are homeless.

L: They are the men, women, and children who, due to unfortunate circumstances, are left without a place to live and food to nourish.

P: O God, you call us to help, as best we are able.

L: They have stories rich in both joy and sadness to tell. They seem voiceless, because we are too involved in our own lives to take time to listen.

P: O God, please help us to find the courage to stop and listen to the stories of your people.

L: Often they are lonesome, with very few people willing to care or provide them with the warmth they deserve.

P: O God, help us to open our hearts to accept your people whom society has abandoned.

L: They are your children. They too have hopes, dreams, desires, and aspirations.

P: O God, help us open our minds so we may recognize all on the earth as your people.

L: These are your people filled with our love and goodness – although often overlooked.

P: O God, open our minds to allow us to see the beauty in all of your people.

-Seasons of the Spirit, 2009

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"Hope of the World"

Red hymnal 178

***Blessing**

Leader: As we leave this place and our time together, let us be mindful of God's presence:

People: In the early morning, we will see God's face in the dawning of a new day. In the midst of the day's activities, we will trust in God's steadfast love. At the close of the day, our souls will find rest in the goodness of God.

L: We go with God's sacred presence within, around, and between us.

P: Amen.

***Blessing Response**

"Sanctuary"

Black hymnal 2164

***Postlude**

"Massive Chorale"

Hadler

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