

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
August 2, 2009 – 10:15 am
Ninth 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 with Thee" Wilson

(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: God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

People: **Come, you who have no money. Come, buy, and eat!"**

Leader: We have come to feast on the living bread so that we might minister to the world's hungers.

People: **We have come to drink from the waters of life so that we might minister to the world's thirst.**

***Opening Hymn** "The Summons" Black hymnal 2130

Gathering Prayer **Unison**

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Create in us clean hearts, and put new and right spirits within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us willing
spirits. May our prayers and worship rise like incense before you.**
(Adapted from Psalms 51 and 141)

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.)

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** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Red Hymnal 664

***Blessing**

God sends us into the world to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go—carrying with you the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Blessing Response**

Red Hymnal 671, vs. 2

**Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.**

***Postlude**

"Communion"

Bell

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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