

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa**  
**August 9, 2009 – 10:15 am**  
**Tenth 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**

"Prelude"

Battmann

(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: We gather as a human community, ordinary in all things yet extraordinary in this:

**People: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.**

L: We are tradespeople and artisans, teachers and lawyers, board members and directors, farmers and healthworkers, parents, children, siblings, and partners.

**People: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.**

L: We bring a variety of expressions, ethnicities, traditions, orientations, backgrounds.

**People: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.**

L: We delight in one another, work together, disagree at times, and support each other always.

**People: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Red hymnal 510

**Gathering Prayer**

**We come to this time of worship, loving God, trusting in your love that has no end. If you kept a list of the things we did wrong we would not stand a chance. But you don't: you forgive us. You call us to be loving, forgiving, tenderhearted people, and so we come to worship: to praise you, and to be renewed by your word and your spirit. Cleanse us. Transform us. Make us new. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

To Lament Is To Live

## 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**

**Lord's Prayer** (sing responsively) Black hymnal 2278

### **\*Passing the Peace**

## Listening to the Word

**The Psalter** Psalm 130 Red hymnal 848

**The First Lesson** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Pew Bible 292

**Anthem** Amanda Repp

"*The Gift of Love*" – American Folk Tune/arr. Hal Hopson  
Amanda is singing in honor of her grandparents' (Jerry & Carol Butler)  
50th wedding anniversary today.

**Sermon** "To Lament Is To Live" Dick Clark

**Sermon Response** "*You Are Mine*" Black hymnal 2218 (Refrain only)

## Responding to the Word

### **Opportunities and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** Liturgist

A thought from St. Augustine:

Hope has two lovely sisters: anger and courage ...

Anger, so that what must not be, will not be ...

Courage, so that what must be, shall be.

-*Seasons of the Spirit*, 2003

**Offertory** "*Eventide*" Kern

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

***We dedicate our financial resources, and all that we are, to living as imitators of Christ. May our acts of kindness be a fragrant offering to you, O God, and to the world around us. Amen.***

**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Song**

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Red hymnal 474

**\*Blessing**

**\*Blessing Response**

*"You Are Mine"*

Black hymnal 2218 (Refrain only)

**\*Postlude**

*"Day is Done"*

Wilson

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand  
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