

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
August 30, 2009 – 10:15 am
Thirteenth 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 "If You Will Only Let God Guide You" Limbaugh

(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: The time for singing has come! Before the dawn – deep within the dark

People: - birdsong bidding the sun to rise.

L: We'll seek in our hearts and claim in our souls

People: the gift of living, the promise of peace.

L: We'll enter Love's song and join in the dance;

People: and open new windows of possibility.

***Opening Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Red hymnal 140

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we come to worship this day to celebrate how we can hear your word and how we can do your word. Help us to risk living as if your word were implanted in us, impossible to deny or suppress. 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.")

Silent Prayer

Doers of the Word

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 "1. Noah, Noah; 2. Nathan, Nathan; 3. Nicholas, Nicholas; 4 & 5.
Children, children, God claims you, ..."

On the second verse we sing "Lee and Amanda love you so, ..."

The Order for Baptism

Red hymnal, 39-44

Noah Lee Millisock, Nathan Lee Millisock, Nicholas Lee Millisock

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song

"Here I Am"

Black hymnal 2178

Scripture

James 1:17-27

Pew Bible 229

Anthem

"Yardbird Suite" by Charlie Parker
Bob Abbott, Ian Abbott, Dave Glenn-Burns, Jordan Sawin-Vaughn

Jazz Ensemble

Sermon

"Doers of the Word"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"Make Me A Servant"

Black hymnal 2176

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Life is like singing a solo in public, making it up as you go along. It is a little scary because we never know what might come out. But there is no other way. Nobody can tell you the words or the music, because they have not been written until you sing them. It does not have to be beautiful, it does not have to set the whole world singing. The only Christian requirement is that it be full of life. So reach down into your heart and bring out the good things. Set them to music and sing them at the top of your lungs. The dogs will like it. And God will love you for it." -*Celebration, 1988*

Offertory

"Come Unto Me"

Heyward

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

O providing God, every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from you. With you there is no variation or shadow due to change. Let our giving be joined with yours to shine your light through shadows and variations, so that our world can know who you are and the good you are doing all around us. Amen.

-Seasons of the Spirit, 2006

Going Forth

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| *Closing Song | <i>"Together We Serve"</i> | Black hymnal 2175 |
| *Blessing | | |
| *Blessing Response | <i>"Make Me A Servant"</i> | Black hymnal 2176 |
| *Postlude | <i>"With Heart Rejoicing"</i> | Harris |

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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