

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
September 13, 2009 – 10:15 am
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Ministry Sunday

*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

"Psalm XIX"

Marcello

(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

Processional

"Cullen Bay"

Ross Schupbach & Russ Clarke, bagpipes

Call to Worship

Responsively

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: The earth proclaims God's handiwork.

L: Come seek the wisdom of God.

People: The Word of God is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.

L: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God.

People: May our worship celebrate God's holiness and our lives bear witness to God's wisdom.

***Opening Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

Red hymnal 159

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we wonder sometimes who we are. We wonder who and what you are. We wonder about Jesus whom you gave to be with us. Jesus is the Christ, our friend, Savior, teacher, brother. Help us to be open to new understandings of who and what you are, of who Jesus is, and of who we can be. Amen.

Ministry Sunday

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 19 – Response 2 Red hymnal 750

Scripture Mark 8:27-38 Pew Bible 43

Anthem St. Timothys Chancel Choir and Other Saints
"I Love to Tell the Story" – Hankey, Fischer/arr. John Leavitt
Director, Sally Riewerts, Eldridge UMC

Sermon "Trading Clunkers For A Cross" Dr. Philip Amerson

Sermon Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
"I have decided to follow Jesus (3 times),
no turning back, no turning back."

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

"Our family was having a conversation after dinner one evening. We were talking about the poor. My son said, "Dad, are the Smiths poor?" (The Smiths have three children of their own and last November decided to adopt three more children, two sisters and their brother who had been in their foster care.) I said, "Why do you think that?" And he said, "They drive that old, beat-up car. And they live in that old house with all those kids they've taken in, and the kids clothes are worn out, and when I was over there last week, they didn't even have Nintendo 64 or a Powerstation!" Not knowing quite what to say, I replied, "I guess they are poor, in a sense, but they have decided to use what they have to help others, instead of to have things." And my daughter said, "You mean they're poor – on purpose? Like Jesus?"

Offertory

Piano/organ duet

"Slane (Be Thou My Vision)" – Trad. Irish Melody/arr. Larson

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Thank you, O God, for this opportunity to share our resources, to strengthen your work in the world. Create in us open and eager hearts to receive your Spirit, the living presence of Christ in our lives and in the world. We offer you these gifts and our pledge to strive for extravagant generosity, to your glory and praise. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"Make Our Church One Joyful Choir"

Tune: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Black hymnal 2129

***"I have decided to follow Jesus (3 times),
no turning back, no turning back."***

* = The Congregation is invited to stand

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