

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
October 4, 2009 – 10:15 am
18th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion 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

"Communion with Thee"

Ritter

(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: This day we join with brothers and sisters around the world sharing in the special meal of Jesus.

All: God's love makes us a family!

L: In different places, in different languages, God's people share in worship and sacrament.

All: God's love makes us a family!

L: In different styles and different forms, God's people offer prayers and praise.

All: God's love makes us a family!

L: Come, let's celebrate the love of God in our worship today.

All: God's love makes us a family!

***Opening Song**

"God Made From One Blood"

Black Hymnal 2170

Unison Prayer

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in Eucharist, Communion, thanksgiving for the bread and cup Jesus shared and continues to share with us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

World Communion Day

Praying

Call to Prayer "Jesu, Tawa Pano" Black hymnal 2273

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**Jesu, tawa pano.**")

Silent Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Mark 10:2-16 Pew Bible 46

Scripture Song "Jesus Loves Me" Red hymnal 191

Sermon "Family Values" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Make Us One" Black hymnal 2224

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Meister Eckhart said, 'God does not expect anything else of you except that you let yourself go and let God be God in you.' What do we need to let go so that we can let God be God in us? How would our life be different? How would our church be different? -Seasons of the Spirit

Offertory

"Andantino"

Schubert

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

God, who has the whole world in your hands, use those hands to make peace in Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Darfur; to rebuild bridges, airports, schools, and houses in Kosovo; to shelter the street children in Brazil; to comfort those dying with AIDS in Haiti and Africa; to cuddle crack babies born in America; to protect girls and boys from the sex trade in Thailand; to build Habitat for Humanity houses in every global village. God, who has the whole world in your hands, use our hands as your own. Amen.

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

Communion Setting

Black hymnal 2257

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**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Black Hymnal 2238

***Blessing**

Give us, Senor, a little sun, a little happiness and some work. Give us a heart to comfort those in pain. Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise and free so that we may be generous with others as we are with ourselves. Finally, Senor, let us all live in your own, one family. Amen.

(Prayer from a church wall in Mexico)

***Blessing Response**

"Make Us One"

Black Hymnal 2224

***Postlude**

"O Sacred Head"

Bach

* = The Congregation is invited to stand