

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
October 25, 2009 – 10:15 am
21st Sunday after Pentecost/Peace with Justice 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

"Largo from 'Xerses'"

Handel

(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: Jesus is in our midst. Jesus our healer, deliverer, and friend, is here.

All: We have heard so many good things about him, but we long to meet him, to encounter him ourselves.

L: Call out to him, and do not be silent. Like Blind Bartimaeus, shout to him and do not allow anyone to silence your voice. Cry out and tell Jesus what you need!

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! We need a touch from you! Touch me; touch us in our need, which we lift right now in our hearts!

L: In this time of worship, celebrate God's goodness! In this time of worship, know that Jesus touched your place of need.

All: Amen.

***Opening Song**

Red hymnal 57 (1,2,3,6,7)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Unison Prayer

O God who creates and calls, open our faith to see ourselves as we are and as we could be. Open our faith to see others as you see them, with grace and compassion. Open our faith to see Christ and to follow in trust. Amen.

Praying

Call to Prayer *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* Black hymnal 2193

Let Me See Again

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**Lord, listen to your children praying.**")

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

*Passing the Peace

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (sing twice) Red Hymnal 349

Scripture Mark 10:46-52 Pew Bible 47

Anthem "Open My Eyes" – Sharon Murray Chancel Choir

Sermon "Let Me See Again" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Open Our Eyes" Black Hymnal 2086

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Celebrating Our Peace Pole

Peace Pole history

St. Timothy's Peace Pole

Litany for Peace – **R, O Lord deliver us, and may peace prevail on earth.**

Leader: From self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others, **R**

L: From the lust for money or power that drives to kill, **R**

L: From trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the councils of peace,

R

L: From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations, **R**

L: From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation, **R**

L: From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace, **R. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"I have a lot of faith. But I am also afraid a lot, and have no real certainty about anything. I remembered something Father Tom had told me--that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Certainty is missing the point entirely. Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns." -Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

- Offertory** "Truth Abideth from 'Xerses'" Handel
- *Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal 405
- *Prayer of Dedication** Unison
Gracious God, as Jesus restored the sight of a blind man, may our ministry in this place be a light in the darkness. May these gifts we offer proclaim your presence. Let us use our talents to help set others free. Amen.

Going Forth

- *Closing Song** "Be Thou My Vision" Red Hymnal 451
- *Blessing**
- *Blessing Response** "Open Our Eyes" Black Hymnal 2086
- *Postlude** "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

* = The Congregation is invited to stand