

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa**  
**November 8, 2009 – 10:15 am**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> 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** "How Great Thou Art" Hine/arr. Bock

(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 offer our time for worship. God gives us all the hours of our lives. Let us return a portion of our time now, to God.

**All: We bless you, God of abundance.**

L: We receive God's love and faithfulness, new each day. Let us return our hearts to God in praise.

**All: We bless you, God of abundance.**

L: God sends the Spirit to move through our gathering and strengthen our participation in God's realm. Let us return our lives to God and our hands in service to all God's people.

**All: We bless you, God of abundance.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring?" Red hymnal 87

**Unison Prayer**

*God of young and old and in-between, you invite us to share in the new life Christ brings. You value each person here. You welcome us. You declare that, whoever we are and however we have come to be here, we are a family – your family. And so here, at home with you, we gather for worship and praise in Christ's name. Amen.*

**Praying**

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

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

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

*The Widow's "Might"*

## **Silent Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

## **\*Passing the Peace**

### **Listening to the Word**

**Scripture Song**

*"When the Poor Ones"*

Red hymnal 434

**Scripture**

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible 49

**Anthem**

*"With A Voice of Singing"* – Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir

**Sermon**

*"The Widow's 'Might'"*

Dick Clark

**Sermon Response**

*"I Surrender All"*

Red hymnal 354 (1)

### **Responding to the Word**

## **Opportunities and Announcements**

**Stewardship Minute**

Steve Bernard

Director of Customer Services and Business Development, Cedar Falls Utilities

**Offertory Sentence**

Liturgist

*"What matters is not how much one gives, but the amount that one keeps for oneself."*

-Dennis Sweatland, *On Our Journey with Jesus*

**Offertory**

*"Give Me Thy Heart"*

Bourne/arr. Auid

**\*Dedication Song**

*"Seek Ye First"*

Red hymnal 405

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

*Caring and loving God, you call us to give the best we have. As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are. As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being. As we care, let our caring be genuine. And now may the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do. Amen.*

### **Going Forth**

**\*Closing Song**

*"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"*

Red hymnal 399

**\*Blessing**

**\*Blessing Response**

*"I Surrender All"*

Red hymnal 354 (1)

**\*Postlude**

*"Ode To Joy"*

Beethoven

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand