

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
November 15, 2009 – 10:15 am
24th 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 "Sicilienne and Rigaudon" – Fritz Kreisler Ian Abbott, violin

(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: As we trust in the new dawning of a new day, so we trust in God.

All: Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.

L: God gathers us now into a community sharing faith.

All: Thank you, God, for the gift of this sacred place to worship you.

L: God meets us here.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn** "How Firm A Foundation" Red hymnal 529(1-3,5)

Unison Prayer

God of justice, we pause this day to renew ourselves in your truth. You call us to speak out against injustices which hurt your people. Yet, we realize that too often we are a part of the problem. Enable us to be a part of the building of a community of caring, a community that dares to take the risk of working against wrongs being done to the human family. Help us make this world hospitable to all God's children. We pray 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.**")

Silent Prayer

The Beginning of the Birth Pangs

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 "Jayce, Jayce, God claims you, ..."
On the second verse we sing "Eric and Alyssa love you so, ..."

The Order for Baptism

Jayce Baird

Red hymnal, 39-44

Listening to the Word

Scripture

Mark 13:1-8

Pew Bible 50

Scripture Song

"Stand By Me"

Red hymnal 512(1,3,5)

Sermon

"The Beginning of the Birth Pangs"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"We Shall Overcome"

Red hymnal 533(1)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Stewardship Minute

Circles of Support

Marlys Hughes

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Come, children, drink from my waters which are all common waters. They are free and available to all my children. Drink of my wisdom from your own unique well. Let the Taoists drink and the Muslims drink; let the Jews drink and the Buddhists drink; let the Christians drink and let the native peoples drink. I am tired of your religious wars, your sectarian divisions, your crusading spirits that arise from disharmony. I long for harmony. ... Pray together. Celebrate, praise and thank together. Cease using religion to divide. Use it for its purpose, to reconnect to Mother Earth, to blessings, to the underground river that I am and that you all share."

(from *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* by Matthew Fox)

Offertory

"Prelude in E Minor"

Chopin

***Dedication Song**

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Receive these gifts, O Holy God, and receive us, too. Gather us up as an offering of gifts and talents, and dedicate us to ministry in your name, with the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"O Day of God Draw Nigh"

Red hymnal 730(1,3-5)

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"We Shall Overcome"

Red hymnal 533(5)

***Postlude**

"Variations on 'Foundation'"

Joseph Martin

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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