

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa**  
**January 17, 2010 – 10:15 am**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*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**                      *"My Lord, What A Morning"*                      Trad. Spiritual/arr. Hayes

(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: God's faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

**People: God's love stretches everywhere.**

L: God's righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

**People: God's love stretches everywhere.**

L: God's justice is as deep as the ocean.

**People: God's love stretches everywhere.**

L: God's love is big enough for everyone.

**People: God's love stretches everywhere.**

L: Come, let us worship the God whose gifts flow abundantly.

**\*Opening Hymn**                      *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*                      Red hymnal 519

**Unison Prayer**

*God of abundant gifts, we thank you for your bounty poured out like wine at a wedding feast, for the gifts of the members of this community, and for the blessings of love, community and support that we share with one another. We give thanks for the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as we seek to honor his commitment to justice for all people regardless of the color of their skin and his commitment to peace and nonviolence. Help us to use the gifts you give, in service in our world. Amen.*

**Praying**

**Call to Prayer**                      *"Come and Fill Our Hearts"*                      Black hymnal 2157

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

(After each joy or concern, we sing **"Come and fill our hearts with your peace."**)

*Celebrating Jesus' Life*

## Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

## \*Passing the Peace

### Listening to the Word

Scripture Song

"We Meet You, O Christ"

Red hymnal 257

The Christian Gospel

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible 93

Anthem

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"  
(One of Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite songs)

Dorsey/arr. Winsett

The Sermon

"Celebrating Jesus' Life"

Dick Clark

Sermon Response

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Red hymnal 641

### Responding to the Word

## Announcements and Opportunities

### Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"My family decided to have a surprise party to celebrate my parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It started as a family dinner party. However, somewhere between the first set of telephone calls with the five siblings and the actual event something happened. ... It was a night to remember – the singing, the dancing, the laughter and the great joy. In giving the party to honor our parents God gave us much more than we ever imagined possible. We saw one another in a new way, the way I imagine God sees us, radiant and lovely, healed and restored to wholeness. Past hurts, failures, disappointments and resentments gave way to the warmth of reconciling love. As we cleaned up after the guests had returned home, my brother exclaimed, 'If we never did anything else our entire lives, this party would be enough. We will never be the same people again.'" -Dr. Susanne Vanderlugt

Offertory

"Bist du bei mir"

J.S. Bach

\*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal 405

\*Prayer of Dedication

Unison

***O God, from your river of joy come many gifts. Each of us has been given unique and special gifts to use. In this time of worship an in our daily living, help us be aware again of the gifts we have and the source from which***

***they come. Then let us take the risk of naming and using them to the best of our ability and in response to the one who gave them to us. Take and use the gifts you have given us which we now offer back to you, that we in turn might overflow with love and justice for your world. Amen.***

### **Going Forth**

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>*Closing Song</b>      | <i>"As A Fire Is Meant for Burning"</i> | Black hymnal 2237 |
| <b>*Blessing</b>          |   |                   |
| <b>*Blessing Response</b> | <i>"Fill My Cup, Lord"</i>              | Red hymnal 641    |
| <b>*Postlude</b>          | "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"           | Dorsey/arr.Smith  |

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand  
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