

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
March 7, 2010 – 10:15 am
Third Sunday in Lent

*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 "Lenten Meditation" Thygerson

(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: Hear God calling:
People: Come to the waters.
L: Everyone who thirsts,
People: all who are hungry,
L: you who need a welcome,
People: you who are longing for home,
L: "Come to me," God says,
People: Come.
L: Come to the waters.
People: Come to the waters of life.

***Opening Hymn** "Spirit of God" Black hymnal 2117

Unison Prayer
We gather here, O God, and are reminded of your unending grace that offers us new life without price. Fill us with your love, so that our hearts might overflow with justice and compassion. Challenge us to align our will with yours, and to share your forgiveness and mercy with others. 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 Journey Continues

Silent Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Listening to the Word

Psalter	Psalm 63	Red hymnal 788
The Prophets	Isaiah 55:1-9	Pew Bible 685
Scripture Song	" <i>You are the Seed</i> "	Red hymnal 583(1,2)
The Christian Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	Pew Bible 76
Scripture Song	" <i>You are the Seed</i> "	Red hymnal 583(3)
The Sermon		Cody Nielsen
Sermon Response	" <i>Change My Heart, O God</i> "	Black hymnal 2152

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities

"**Nothing But Nets**" Diane Schupbach

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

Frederick Buechner describes "vocation . . . which comes from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and means the work a (person) is called to do by God . . . The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

-Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking, A Theological ABC*, page 95, Harper & Row

Offertory "Elegy" Grieg

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison

You have made of life a rich feast for our souls, filling our hearts with joy. Grant that we too, through these offerings and all that we do, may be a source of joy to others. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Anthem

"Taste and See" – James E. Moore

Mark Rowe

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

Red hymnal 15-16

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

Gracious God, giver of all good things, empower us through our sharing of bread and wine to be your people, to proclaim in word and deed the love you have for all. May this holy food nourish and sustain us on our life journeys as we seek to follow Jesus. May his vision of your compassionate heart be our vision. May his courage be our courage. Now, send us out into the world you love, to care for that world and all life within it. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Black hymnal 2060

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Change My Heart, O God"

Black hymnal 2152

***Postlude**

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Walther

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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