

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 15, 2009

10:50 AM

Jesus seeks obedience in response to his ministry. He shows genuine compassion for people; he cares for them, cleansing them of their infirmities. Yet he does not want to be known only as a worker of miracles, so he teaches those he heals to give God the glory, and faithfully to follow God's commands. But the people are thinking more about what Jesus can do for them than about what they can do for him.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Let us seek God at the beginning of the day, that we may face its hours with eagerness.

In times of distress we bring our prayers; in gladness we pour out our joy.

In the simple and commonplace God meets us. Come, therefore, in humble obedience.

We turn from the distractions of our daily striving to feel the quiet movement of God's Spirit.

God surrounds us with steadfast love and touches our lives with new possibilities.

We look to God for renewed health and wholeness and for the courage to go where we are sent.

*Processional Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* Page 577

*Invocation

* Hymn of Praise *Into My Heart* TFWS 2160

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Lesson *1 Corinthians 9:24-27* N. T. Page 172

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Act of Praise *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* Chancel Choir

Children's Message Pastor Charles

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Faith Witness Terri Hinch

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Page 382

*Gospel Lesson *Mark 1:40-45* N. T. Page 35

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Message *What Rules Do Methodist Follow?* Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer (Unison) Tommy Burgess

Let us pray: **For the many times you have preserved us from troubles and encompassed us with deliverance, we give thanks, O God! So bless these tokens of our gratitude that we may grow in appreciation of your gifts to us and in our response to your love. May all who are helped through our offerings be led to know the blessing of community and commitment. In Christ, we would offer our best. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Others* Bruce Lake, Soloist

*Doxology Page 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Apostles Creed Page 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Page 430

*Commission and Blessing

Continue in God's presence as we go our separate ways, for we are surrounded by God's love and care.

We take with us the joy of worship and prayer as we face the distress and distractions of the world.

There is nowhere we can go away from God and no situation in which God is unavailable to us.

In the quiet movement of God's Spirit we are strengthened for each day's decisions and tasks.

Face the new possibilities God offers with expectant trust, for there is healing and hope for each day's need.

We embrace the wholeness God has revealed and claim the courage to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in The **Lay Reader** is Justine Mimbe. The **Acolytes** are Lynette Any and Tayler Bliss. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast. The **Greeters** are Becky and Grady Waters. The **Lay Speaker** is Victoria White

Stewardship: On the first Sunday of Lent, March 1, we will celebrate our Consecration of our personal covenant to the work of Christ at LUMC. During the service each of us will have the opportunity to establish our personal support through a covenant with God. This will be part of our on-going "Faith Based" Stewardship ministry in 2009. As we approach Lent and Easter, much thought is given to sacrifice and service to others. Now is the time for us to be prayerfully preparing ourselves for our own sacrifices and participation in the Consecration Worship Service on March 1st.

Church Council meets Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend your Church Council meetings. This is the governing leadership body of your church. Your Council meets on the third Tuesday night of every month. At these meetings you can hear the most up to date financial reporting, gain insight into specific ministry efforts, and participate in the discussions of issues which impact on our church. Although voting is restricted to elected and appointed leadership, you have the opportunity to be heard in this open forum. We respectfully ask that any presentations or items for consideration be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a meeting so that any supporting documentation can be viewed and prayerfully considered by the entire Council. In this way our discussions or questions can be accomplished in the most effective and complete manner.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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