

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15, 2008

10:50 AM

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. Any prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

***Call to Worship**

Come together, disciples of Jesus, who dwell in the shadow of the Most High.

God is our refuge and fortress. We will not fear daytime threats or nighttime terror.

God promises to keep you wherever you go. There is nowhere you can go that God is not.

Surely God is in this place; this is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

God continues to value your uniqueness and sends salvation for your patient endurance.

We have known god's grace as a free gift; God's love surrounds us and supports us.

Let Christ be your teacher and example and the Holy Spirit, your inspiration and guide.

When God calls we will answer; with our whole lives we will serve our God.

***Invocation**

***Processional Hymn**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Father's Day Recognition

Glenda Adams

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

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Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Pastor Charles

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

Act of Praise

A Father's Gift

Tim and Eric Maupin

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**

The God of Abraham Praise

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***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Message

Our Father Blesses Us in Surprising Ways

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **Sometimes it is hard to see results from the gifts we share. Evil continues to thrive. Needs multiply. What have we accomplished with all our efforts? Yet our faith will not be put out, and hope abounds. We do not know what to say. But we believe that we are heard, that you care, and that what we are giving, by your grace, is making a difference somewhere. In humility we dedicate these gifts and renew our commitment to your purposes. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

O For A Thousand Tongues
(Women's Ensemble)

arr. Linn

***Doxology**

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What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn**

Faith of Our Fathers

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***Commission and Blessing**

We are sent out as sheep in the midst of wolves, but God is with us and evil cannot overcome us.

We want to face evil with quiet confidence that nothing can separate us from a loving God.

Do not be anxious about what you will say or do, for the Spirit will speak and act through you.

As disciples, we are God's instruments, channels for God's grace.

Let us proclaim from the housetops the love we have seen in Jesus Christ:

Christ, our Savior and Example, pleads our case before our Father in heaven.

Do not grow weary in well-doing. A disciple should be like the teacher.

In waking and dreaming, God adds to our understanding and enables us to witness to God's truth. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

The God of Abraham Praise

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***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. 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 loving honor of Marge Arrington on her birthday by her daughter, Cheryl. The **Flowers** in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Fergusson (January 6, 1932-June 15, 2007) by Wes Fergusson. The **Lay Readers** are Tony and David Western. The **Acolytes** are Jess Wade and Savannah Schmidt. The **Crucifer** is April Wermuth. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Greeter** is Margie Kaszuba. . The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, June 22, is Victoria White.

A note on “A Father’s Gift”. Of the many memories I have of my father, there are a couple that stand out. My father loved music. He often played his mandolin in a back room of the house, and though I took his playing for granted at the time, even now I can hear those melodies in my head. He had an appreciation for all types of music, from classical to old time country. My father was an “explorer”, who understood the art of walking. He could spend hours wandering through the woods, along a lakeshore, or through the fields near his home place in Alberene looking for whatever might be of interest. I was often with him. Among many other things, I learned the value of slowing down to enjoy the moment, appreciating the world around me. I wrote “A Father’s Gift” several years ago as a reflection on these memories.

Today we celebrate the oldest father and the newest father. Happy Father’s Day.

Church Council meets Tuesday, June 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.

Church Conference: On Sunday, June 29, 2008, at 4:00 PM, in the Unity Room, we will hold our church conference as authorized by The Rev. Mark V. Ogren, Ashland District Superintendent. The purpose of this conference is three-fold: (1) to receive nominations for offices in leadership for July 1, 2008; 2) to receive a recommendation on renovation spending; and 3) to make adjustments in the current church budget.

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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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