

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 2008

10:50 AM

Jesus invites all who are burdened to come to Him and when they do they will find rest and they will find freedom from worry and fretting. Elsewhere Jesus has said you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free! Freedom is our theme this morning.

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

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Copland

*Call to Worship

Welcome, strangers and sojourners, to God's realm, where there are no aliens or visitors.

When we are with Christ we know we belong and our lives have a sense of direction.

Come, all who seek to live by the Spirit, who look beyond the needs of the flesh.

When we are slaves to our bodies we die; when temporal powers rule us we have no life.

All who are led by the Spirit are God's children, heirs through Christ of life with God.

Christ, who was raised from the dead, dwells in us and enlivens our spirits.

When we are in Christ we cannot escape the world, nor be limited by its narrow understanding of life.

In our zeal to share the wide horizons of God, we can bear insult, reproach, and scorn.

*Invocation

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-12

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

Children's Message

Cathy Davis

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

Act of Praise

Wave On Old Glory

Men's Trio

Epistle Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

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Paul reckons with the power of sin at work in his body.

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Prayers of the People

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30

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Jesus reflects on the resistance of the people to John and himself, prays to God, and invites the heavy laden to come to him.

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Message

Freedom!

Rev. Bruce Lake

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **We are in debt to you, O God, for the food and water that grace our tables and for the spiritual nourishment you offer us day by day. With these gifts we express our gratitude for your abundant provision. Thank you for this opportunity to show our thanks. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Are Ye Able

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*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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting "B"

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The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning of Workcampers

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

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*Commission and Blessing

Go forth into the world without fear, for the Spirit of God dwells in you.

We belong to Christ and our spirits are alive. We have been raised with Christ to new vitality.

The Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God.

If we are God's children, we are also heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Christ lived as God intends us to live and suffered because he was true to God.

We may have to suffer with Christ if we are to know the meaning of Christianity.

Suffering for God can be a joy to those who are faithful.

All creation waits with eager longing to see the work God's children do. Amen.

*Benediction/Benediction Response

*Postlude

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Ylvisaker

***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 honor of our children and our loved ones by Dave and Charlotte Poole. The blue carnation on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Thomas Cole Robinson, born on Wednesday, June 25, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Thomas is the son of Corey and Sylvia Robinson, and brother to Haley. Also, great-grandma is Doris Robinson and grandparents are Ray and Brenda Robinson. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Griffin and Cindy Nettles and Dave Poole. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeters** for this morning are Jim and Joyce Counts. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, July 13, is Hal Costley.

The **Upper Room** devotional for July and August is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

The week of **July 6 through July 12**, the following youth and adults of our church will be participating in Richmond Metro Workcamp: Carrie Adkins, Sarah Willis, Megan Nuckols, Maggie Runge, Zach Hedrick, Lelia Teel, Jess Wade, Adam Kelchner, Alyse Wermuth, April Wermuth, Michael Western, James Simpson, Lynn White, Bob Friend, Karen Friend, Elizabeth Rumford, LeeJay O'Briant, Gene Farlow, Doris Davis, Bill Giese, Dina Giese, Chris White, and Vicky White. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to these participants, please use the following address: (Camper's Name), Richmond Metro Workcamp, PO Box 23802, Richmond, VA 23228.

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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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