

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2008

10:50 AM

The wheat and the seeds represent the way of God's Kingdom in the midst of the world. False doctrine and misplaced allegiance exist alongside God's truth and God's will. When the harvest occurs there will be judgment. What bears good fruit will be gathered and stored. The useless will be cast aside. Jesus reminds those who hear to take note

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 *Wonderful Words of Life* Held

*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me; bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

God forgives iniquity and heals disease and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

God satisfies us with good as long as we live, so our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love towards us.

As parents pity their children, so the Lord pities those who fear God.

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*Invocation

* Hymn *God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us* Page 100
PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 4:1-15* O.T. Page 3

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

Act of Praise *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* Men's Quartet

Children's Message Sue Swadley

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

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 *God Made From One Blood* TFWS Page 2170

*Gospel Reading *Luke 23:32-43* N. T. Page 89
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God People: Thanks be to God.

Message *The Power of Forgiveness in Christianity & Judaism* Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer Unison

Let us pray: **May these offerings assist in delivering your people from bondage, rescue us from slavery to tradition and ease and liberate the hungry, abused, and neglected from their oppression. Open our eyes to see the nearby opportunities and practical action we can take to help you start answering our prayer. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *I Am Thine, O Lord* Men

Doxology Page 87

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 *O Word of God Incarnate* Page 598

*Commission and Blessing

God sends us out into the world to bring people to the mountaintop.

But we're not ready to explain burning bushes or discuss the groaning of creation.

God promises to be with us every step of the way to crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

But we want to stay with the sheep, God, while you send someone else off to Egypt.

The place where we are standing is holy ground, God's tasks for us may be very close at hand.

Sometimes it's hardest to witness among friends, to speak a word for God to those who know us best.

Use the gifts God has entrusted to you: your eyes, ears, hands, and feet.

We want to be sensitive to God's hurting ones and patient in our hope and our service. Amen.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *March* Galbraith

*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 glorify our savior, Jesus Christ, in loving memory of our parents, Humbert and Beatrice Rockey by their son and family. The **Lay Reader** is Sylvia Barefoot. The **Greeters** are Walter and Kathy Ewbank. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service on Sunday, July 20, is Polly Rowan.

Church Council meets Tuesday, July 15 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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