

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2008

10:50 AM

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure of great value. Much will be sacrificed in order to possess it. Its worth is so obvious that its presence is protected. In order to retain its purity the superfluous is cast aside. Christ died that all may have life. God sends the Spirit so that God's truth may be known. When Jesus calls us to discipleship he bids us to forsake former ways.

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 *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* **Brahms**

*Call to Worship

Come before God, asking what you will, and God will cover your needs.

How can we ask the Ruler of the universe to give attention to our small problems?

God knows and values you; nothing is too great or small for God's attention.

Our ancestors in the faith experienced God's wonderful, rescuing works.

We, too, can know God's care in our lives, and the trust God appoints us to keep.

We need the food God provides in our wilderness and the cloud and fire to guide us.

Draw near so the Holy Spirit may encounter you; hold nothing back from God's all-knowing presence.

We bring all that we have and are to the throne of grace. Amen.

*Invocation

* Hymn *Blessed Assurance* **Page 369**
PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 32:22-31* **O.T. Page 30**
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: thanks be to God.**

Act of Praise *I'm a Soldier* **Men's Quartet**

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

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **We bring no fine pearls or costly treasure to share with the world. But what we bring we dedicate to the search for eternal values. We would be a church that introduces people to the realm of heaven and treats them as your worthy children. Bless each gift, all who give, and every work these offerings support. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Take Up Thy Cross* **All 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.

*Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* **TFWS 2051**

*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 *What Does Forgiveness Mean to the One Forgiven?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**
Meditative Response *Jesus, Remember Me* **Page 488**
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Repeat
RESPONSE

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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn *Because He Lives* **Page 364**

*Commission and Blessing

You are set in the midst of the world's sojourners, as people with contributions to make.

We know there are no others just like us, nor will the likes of us ever walk the earth again.

You have a distinctive place in God's design; your influence extends to places no others can reach.

God will work for the good of many, through us, and evil will lose its appeal.

Be alert to the special opportunities God sets before you day by day.

We would discern the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value.

Be led forth in joy to a new confidence in all God will accomplish through you.

We would be righteous and fruitful, eschewing dull conformity for wise choices. Amen.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *Blessed Jesus At Thy Word* **Ahle/Kerr**

*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 by Karen and Bob Friend. The **Lay Reader** is Grace Mimbe. The **Greeter** is Ray Pellegrin. **First Response Team:** Stony and Dale Creery. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service on Sunday, July 27, is Dr. Carroll Cloninger.

Lamb's Basket honors those volunteers from Lakeside United Methodist Church for their work at the food pantry in 2007 in its efforts to help feed those in need in our community. The Board of Directors wishes to thank all who gave of their time and energy for this worthwhile and much needed community service. The following volunteers from Lakeside Church are honored today for their service: Jenetta Deal, Les Willis, Barbara Fortune, Glenda Adams, Joan Reid, Virginia Cline, Dee Roberts, Dorothy Lake, Brenda Custis, Ned Custis, Doris Costley, Wes Fergusson, Helen Adams, Carroll Cloninger, Dale Creery, Forrest Roberts, Delaine Arbogast, Bob Friend, Karen Friend, Shirley Fogg, Jo Anne Kelchner, Butch Kelchner, Kimberly Seay, Megan Pudliner, Harold Huey and Lynn Brooks.

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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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