

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2008

10:50 AM

The compassion of Jesus included healing the sick and feeding the crowds. Both are a necessity in order to make others whole. While sickness attacks the body and renders it incapable of enjoying full life, hunger deprives it of nourishment so that the self is unable to grow. The size of the crowds didn't matter. With Christ the gifts of God's grace are available to all.

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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **Bradbury/Ailer**

*Call to Worship

Come away to a lonely place for a while to sit and learn at the feet of Jesus.

Where Jesus lives we are not lonely, for there is compassion and healing power.

In Christ's presence none go hungry, but all find bread for body and soul.

Christ is, for us, the bread of life and bids us feed our neighbor.

Miracles of sharing are inspired by small gifts, spontaneously offered, without pretense or guile.

We want to experience the miracles of Christ, beginning in our own attitudes and actions.

Then let Jesus lead you to the Source of life and intercede for you before God.

With our sisters and brothers we seek God's blessing, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

* Hymns *I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* **Page 333**
Into My Heart **TFWS 2160**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 43:10-25* **O.T. Page 672**
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Act of Praise

Herald's of Christ

Men's Trio

Children's Message

Dina Giese

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

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **As Christ blessed the loaves and fishes of a generous child in Galilee, we seek your blessing on what we share at this altar. May we, too, with our gifts, be instruments of your purposes. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Where He Leads Me

All Men

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.

*Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS 2051

*Gospel Reading

Luke 5:17-24

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Message

What Does Forgiveness Mean to the One Forgiving?

Rev. Charles Swadley

Meditative Response

There's a Song

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1. There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from Jesus. There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from God. Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises. Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.

3. There's a song of faith in my heart; faith is a gift from Jesus. There's a song of faith in my heart; faith is a gift from God. Alleluia! Faith in my heart is singing praises. Alleluia! Faith is a gift from God.

4. There's a song of hope in my heart; hope is a gift from Jesus. There's a song of hope in my heart; hope is a gift from God. Alleluia! Hope in my heart is singing praises. Alleluia! Hope is a gift from God.

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People and 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

Amazing Grace

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*Commission and Blessing

In love, God justifies and forgives us. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Persecution, famine, peril, and sword cannot separate us from the love of Christ.

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

There is no power on earth, in life or death, that can cut us off from God's salvation.

Live, then, as God's children, aware of God's generosity and expectations.

As God has blessed us, we will share with our neighbors. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* **arr. Unfreid**

***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 my parents, James and Patricia Emory by Rachael LeMond. The **Lay Reader** is Butch Kelchner. The **Greeter** is Carroll Cloninger. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service on Sunday, August 3, is John Wermuth.

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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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