

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2008

10:50 AM

Whereas each person alone must bear a cross, a yoke is worn jointly. When Christ commands the one, at the same time he promises the other. Our Labor is faithfully to follow Christ's way. The hope is his word that he will teach us the path. Our rest is the assurance that he knows of our burdens. The task is to join him in the venture called faith.

### 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** *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* **arr. Cota**  
Handbell Ensemble

### \*Call to Worship

Hear the word of Jesus Christ: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

**We seek the rest Christ offers, for we are often busy and anxious.**

Christ invites us, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

**There is so much we want to learn about living. We want our lives to count for something.**

Jesus assures us: "I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**In a harsh world we long for kindness we can trust and rest that is truly refreshing.**

Again, Christ promises: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**In Jesus Christ we find true freedom and the joy of living according to the Spirit. Amen.**

### \*Invocation

\* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Almighty King* **Page 61**

**Baptism** **Page 33**

**Confirmation** **Page 37**

### PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Reading** *Genesis 22:1-14* **O.T. Page 17**

The attempted sacrifice of Issac.

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

**Children's Message** **Chris White**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* **Page 549**

\***Gospel Reading** *Matthew 10:40-42* **N. T. Page 11**

Rules for Mission, Part II: Last week – expect resistance bless those who will offer welcome.

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

**Message** *Did You Forget to Prepare for the Big Test?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **Through our offerings. Loving God, we would send to all nations the good news of peace. May we live at peace with one another in this congregation, work for it in our community, and support all efforts to build peace to build peace in our homes, in places of work and leisure, and between all hostile forces. To that end, bless and multiply these gifts. Amen.**

### Offertory Anthem

\***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** *We walk by Faith* **TFWS 2196**

### \*Commission and Blessing

Set your minds on things of the Spirit and turn away from self-centered pursuits.

**We want to live according to the Spirit, putting away all selfishness and sin.**

Carry with you the humility of Christ, who was gently and lowly in heart.

**We want to follow Christ's example, but we fear where it may lead us.**

Jesus promised, My yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**We will need the Spirit's help to find comfort in any cross we must bear.**

The One who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will grant abundant life, fulfilling and eternal.

**In Jesus Christ we are finding true freedom and the joy of living according to the Spirit. Amen.**

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

### \*Postlude

\*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. The **Lay Reader** is the Youth. The **Acolytes** are Taylor Bliss and April Wermuth. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade.. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Greeters** are Harold Huey and the Youth. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, July 6, is

**Church Conference:** This afternoon , 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.

**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.

**Our Church Staff:**

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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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