

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2008

10:50 AM

In our three texts for the day we see Jesus in three different, but related roles. In Ezekiel we see him pictured as the gentle good shepherd. In Matthew we see him pictured as the righteous judge. In Ephesians he is pictured as coming king.

### 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** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* **J.S. Bach**

### \*Call to Worship

Welcome to this time of shared prayer, when we encourage one another in our ministry.

**We need this time for reassurance and strengthening for all we face in life.**

Here we remember the faith we hold in common and find renewal and encouragement.

**It is often difficult to sense God's presence in the headlines or in our daily contacts.**

It is hard to see ourselves as Christ's representatives when so few seem to put faith first.

**We feel alone and unappreciated, as if we were the only faithful ones left.**

When everyone marches to a different drummer, it is hard to know who's out of step.

**Bring us together to hear your still small voice so we can recognize you when we're apart.**

### \*Invocation

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

### PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Lesson** *Ezekiel 34:11-16* **O. T. Page 803**

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

**Children's Message** **Jeannie Wermuth**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

**Epistle Lesson** *Ephesians 1:15-23* **N. T. Page 192**

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### Prayers of the People

**\*Hymn** *We Gather Together* **Page 131**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 25:31-34* **N. T. Page 29.**

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### Message

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Rev. Bruce Lake

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **O God, it is so simple to give money, even when we have little to share. But it's difficult to put ourselves in the offering plate. That seems to be giving up too much. Is this what you're really asking for? Is it the only way we can ever claim our true selves and find the fulfillment you intend for us? Please answer us, God! Amen.**

**Offertory Solo** *The Weight of the Cross* **Machen**

Stuart Iglehart - Tenor

**\*Doxology** **Page 95**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting "B"** **Page 18**

**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** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* **Page 327**

**\*Commission and Blessing**

We can stay together no longer; there is work for us out in the world.

**There is much we do not understand, but what we do understand we will do.**

We are among God's chosen ones, with humble responsibilities unique to us.

**God grants us opportunities to serve that are available to no others.**

God helps us to walk on water when we need to and lets us sink when we get too self-centered.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* *König*

**\*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 memory of our parents, Fred and Anne Giese and Clayton and Julia Palmore by Bill, Dina, Kyle, Crystal and Kylie. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Dave and Charlotte Poole. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeters** for this morning are Shorty and June Whipkey. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, August 10, is Nina Teel.

**Contribution Statements:** The contribution statements for the first half of 2008 are located on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We are asking you stop by and pick up your statement. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of the finances in the church.

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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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