

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2009

10:50 AM

Jesus made the “deaf hear and the dumb speak.” There are many blocks to our hearing and speaking. Attentive listening is necessary before we can clearly proclaim the good news of salvation. Amid society’s clamor, listen for what God intends and then, without stammering, boldly announce the hope of the gospel.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.*

### WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/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** *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* arr. Barr

### \*Call to Worship

Gather, at God’s command, to worship and pray, to honor God with your whole being.

**I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?**

Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

**God is our keeper and protector, shading us from the heat and storms of life.**

The sun will not smite you by day nor the moon by night.

**God will keep our lives from evil and be with us in all our coming and going.**

\*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise *Together We Serve* TFWS 2175

### PROCLAMATION

**New Testament Reading** *James 1:17-27* N. T. Page 229

Guidance for a righteous life: Be the first fruits of God’s generosity toward others, doing the word (not just listening to it), making sure that the weak and vulnerable are protected, and keeping one’s tongue and life away from excess and impurity.

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

**Children’s Message** Youth

**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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

\*Gospel Reading *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* N. T. Page 42

These verses provide a record of Jesus’ confrontation with local Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem about why his disciples do not follow the customary handwashing rituals before eating. Jesus insists that true cleanness is not a matter of external cleansing, but the cleansing of the heart, and indeed, that all uncleanness results not from anything external, but only and always from what is inside.

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**Message** *Is Tradition Spelled With a Big “T” or a little “t”?* Rev. Charles Swadley

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** Unison

Let us pray: **In faith and gratitude we return these gifts that they may proclaim the mystery of your love and glorify the gospel. May hearts and lives be drawn to you by the witness our offerings will make in this community of faith and among all people you call us to serve. Amen.**

### Offertory Anthem

\*Doxology Unison

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. Repeat*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Repeat*

\*The World Methodist Social Affirmation Page 886

### SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

### \*Commission and Sending

Be strong and courage as you face this week. Keep the charge of God and walk in God’s ways.

**With all our heart and soul we seek to walk in faithfulness all our days.**

As you face spiritual hosts of wickedness put on the whole armor of God.

**We will gird ourselves with truth and righteousness, with faith, salvation, and peace.**

God will guide and support you as you give your best to hearing and serving.

**We will cherish and share the mystery of the gospel, rededicating ourselves as ambassadors for Christ. Amen.**

### \*Benediction/Response Benediction

\*Postlude *Celebrate* Saylor

**Hearing devices** are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. \*Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. 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. 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 loved ones by Barbara Brooks. The **Acolytes** are the Youth. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader** is the Youth. The **Lay Speaker** is Nina Teel. The **Greeters** the Youth. The **Outside Greeters** are Dot Fields and Glenda Adams. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

**The Upper Room** devotional for September and October 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

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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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