

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 10, 2008**

**10:50 AM**

A woman's daughter is healed because a mother has faith. Since the woman is a Canaanite, she is labeled a dog and unworthy of the bread of new life. Yet she is even willing to take the crumbs that happen to fall on the floor. Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, earnestly pursuing their quest for the truth, will find adequate food to sustain them, turning to Christ in 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**

*Meditation*

**\*Call to Worship**

Come to this place of God's visitation and blessing. Everyone is welcome here.

**We are sons and daughters of the new covenant, disciples of our Sovereign, Jesus Christ.**

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.

**We are one in Christ, who has chosen us and equips us for our ministry.**

The gifts of God are for no one religion, and God's family includes all creation.

**God's people are of many races and creeds, old and young, rich and poor, of every land.**

We gather to celebrate God's revelation in Jesus, while others worship the same God in other ways.

**We seek to be true to the best we know in Christ, rejoicing in all faithful service to God.**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation*

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**PROCLAMATION**

**New Testament Reading**

*Romans 14:7-12*

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

**Children's Message**

**Bob Friend**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Unison**

Let us pray: **Through our offerings, we reach out to help people, not because they are "worthy," but because they are your children, in need of what we can share. Thank you for accepting our gifts, inadequate as they may be, and granting us the joy of giving. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*You Are My King*

**Foster**

Lelia & Nina Teel

**Doxology**

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*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.*

**\*Hymn**

*Freely, Freely*

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**\*Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

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**Message**

*Stewardship! A Life Style*

**Dr. Maurice Hancock**

**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**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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**\*Commission and Blessing**

You have received the mercy of God; now grant mercy to people who wrong you.

**We will try to understand the plight of others rather than rushing in with judgment.**

Be righteous, living by the best you know, and just, dealing fairly with others.

**We will honor the covenant and magnify our ministry in order to improve our human responses.**

Let the world see your great faith in your humanity and helpfulness.

**We seek to be agents of reconciliation and carriers of God's peace. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude**

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

**Trad. Caribbean, Halle, Halle,**

**\*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 my mother, Doris Hays, by James and Patricia Emory and her grandchildren, James, Alicia and Rachel. The **Lay Reader** is Elizabeth Rumford. The **Greeter** is Dot Fields. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast.

**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 to 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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