

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2008

10:50 AM

The economy of the Kingdom may seem topsy-turvy to some. Something that is saved is claimed to be lost. What is forfeited on behalf of another is said to be found. What is given freely is said to be more credible than that which is earned. What is stored for tomorrow may be consumed overnight. Indeed, to follow Christ does tend to change perceptions.

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

***Call to Worship**

God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

In our pain, suffering, and loss we know the assurance of God’s presence.

When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles’ wings.

In the loneliness of our firm idealism God grants healing and transformation.

Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.

The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching out to others.

We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Invocation**

***Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

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A pharaoh who did not know the family of Joseph made his descendents into hard-labor slaves and tried to reduce their numbers by infanticide. The Hebrew midwives and the daughter of Pharaoh had other ideas, and Moses is born and raised in the royal household.

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

Act of Praise

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Children’s Message

Delaine Arbogast

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

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **We delight once more in the opportunity to give for the cause of Christ. May we contribute generously and give aid, with zeal. Along with our money, we also offer ourselves, as living sacrifices, for the world’s transformation. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Lift Thine Eyes
Women’s Ensemble

Mendelssohm

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**

God Will Take Care of You

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***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 16:13-20

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In a stronghold of Roman authority, Jesus asks the disciples who others say that he is. Peter confesses, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus then calls Peter and the church in which he will eventually lead, to storm the gates of death, assured of victory, and to take authority to “bind and loose” on earth.

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Message

What Is a Midwife Compared to a Pharaoh?

Rev. Charles Swadley

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**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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***Commission and Blessing**

We go out, not to gain the whole world, but to share in its salvation.

We shrink from going to our Jerusalem, but we will face their terror with Christ.

Do not be conformed to this world, but prove the will of God among people.

We aim to do what is good, acceptable, and perfect, but without pretense or conceit.

Use well the gifts of God’s grace: prophecy, in proportion to your faith.

Serving, teaching, and exhortation with creativity and enthusiasm,

Contributing liberally and aiding zealously, doing acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Wherever our serving leads, we will know God’s presence and blessing. 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 in memory of Loved Ones by Judy Eddin. The **Lay Reader** is Jo Anne Kelchner. The **Greeters** are Lynn and Jane Brooks. **First Response Team:** Stony and Dale Creery. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service, Sunday, August 31, will be Griff Nettles.

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.

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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