

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2009

10:50 AM

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answer, "John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets." Jesus then reveals to them the cost of discipleship. To follow him will involve self-denial, sacrifice and obedience. Such is the way of the cross.

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 *Improvisation on "Rustington" Hymn Tune* **Parry**

*Call to Worship

Listen to the whispers of God, who calls us from work to times of worship.

We trust the ways of God and respond to the Spirit moving among us.

God, who is Maker of all creation, calls rich and poor to meet together.

All of us are worthy in God's sight, and God's favor is meant for all to share.

Hear the good news of all God has given for us, even the rejection and death of Jesus Christ.

In gratitude we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow where Christ leads.

*Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* **UMH Page 152**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* **TFWS Page 2129**

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Reading *James 3:1-12* **N.T. Page 230**

Extended instruction on the dangers of the tongue and the necessary challenge involved in disciplining it.

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

Children's Message **Delaine Arbogast**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st 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 *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH Page 451**

*Gospel Reading *Mark 8:27-38* **N. T. Page 43**

Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ leads to Jesus' instruction about the reality of his messiahship, rejection, suffering, death, and then resurrection. Peter rebukes Jesus privately. Jesus rebukes Peter

publically, calling him Satan. Jesus teaches all who will hear that his followers must deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow where he leads.

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Message *What An Odd Faith, This Christianity!* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **As we share our bread with the poor, open our ears and hearts to learn from them to live by faith, not sight. Free us from our tendency to be possessive and protective, that we may experience the freedom and joy of giving. May faith and works together fill our lives with meaning and purpose. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Bless Your Church, O Lord* **Alexander Mack, Jr.**

*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

Baptism and Confirmation **Page 33**

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* **UMH 549**

*Commission and Sending

We have heard the whispers of God, who sends us from our worship to serve our world.

We trust the ways of God and respond to the Spirit's leading.

Abide in God and live by faith, seeking not riches, but human community.

We seek to treat others as God's children without partiality or distinction.

Because God has blessed us in Jesus Christ, we are not afraid to take the risks of faith.

We are empowered to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow. Amen.

*Benediction

*Response Benediction

*Postlude *"He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him"* **J. S. Bach**

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 my wife, Sarah, by Carroll Cloninger. The **pink carnation** on the altar is in honor of the birth of Kaleigh Mae Haden-Landers, daughter of Katie and Anthony Landers. Kaleigh was born on July 24, 2009, weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Kaleigh is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Haden. The **Acolytes** are Alexandra Smith and Savannah Schmidt. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader** is Dina Giese The **Lay Speaker** is Victoria White. The **Greeter** is Sylvia Barefoot. The **Outside Greeter** is Les Willis. **First Response Team:** Stony and Dale Creery.

This morning during the worship service, we celebrate the baptism of Joshua Wayne Bliss and Tayler Leigh Bliss. Joshua is son of Joshua Bliss and Tayler is the daughter of Matthew Bliss. Helen Adams is the great grandmother of Joshua and Tayler. By profession of faith, we welcome Jay Wade, son of LD and Deb Wade and Lynette Any, daughter of Justine Any.

Financial update:	YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 231,654.59
	YTD Revenue:	<u>\$ 213,935.66</u>
	YTD Surplus /[Deficit]	\$ [17,628.00]

Our Church Staff:

<i>Ministers</i>	<i>All Members of Lakeside United Methodist Church</i>
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