

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Promotion Sunday

September 7, 2008

10:50 AM

The Lord's Table puts forgiveness in perspective. Christ invites God's people to dine. Around the table, dividing walls of hostility are breached. The peace is passed among sisters and brothers, and all partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine. As the table remains a sign of god's reconciling love on behalf of us all, let us go forth to forgive others their debts.

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

*Choral Call to Worship

Sunday School Children's Choir

*Invocation

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

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PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

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God instructs Moses and Aaron in preparation for the Passover of the Lord and for its observance throughout all generations.

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

Children's Message

Chris White

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

Act of Praise

Soloist: Bruce Lake

*Hymn

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

TFWS 2234

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

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Jesus gives instructions on dealing with conflict between church members, speaks of binding and loosing, and promises his presence wherever two or three are gathered in his name.

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Message

What Does Freedom Mean to You?

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **God of all good gifts, we have been all too eager, in our lives, to pay back evil for evil, and slow to pay back your goodness to us. We are so far in debt**

to you that we can never give enough or do enough to deserve any further consideration from you. Yet you continue to care for us and comfort us, showing mercy and kindness day after day. Receive these offerings as an outpouring of our gratitude. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Walk in the Spirit

*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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting "B"

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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

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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*Commission and Blessing

This week ahead holds hours and days that are gifts from God's hand.

They are given to each of us alike to enjoy and invest or to hate and destroy.

When we encounter human need let us remember how God has met our needs.

In our sisters and brothers in distress we meet Christ, who identifies with each one.

We are called to forgive and build up, to offer mercy in place of harsh judgment.

In all things God works together for good with those who receive and extend love.

Let us go forth rejoicing and giving ourselves for others.

We will love in grateful response to God's forgiving love. 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 my husband, William Earl Roberts by Dee Roberts. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are **First Response Team**: Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeter** for this morning is Sylvia Barefoot. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, August 14, is Victoria White.

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.

We have had many needs for financial assistance this year. The Pastor's Discretionary funds are running low. Thank you for any support you feel called to offer.

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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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