

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2009

10:50 AM

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 God of Grace and God of Glory Hughes

\*Call to Worship

Happy are those who are steadfast in faith, who show forth the mercy and compassion of God. God can do all things; no purpose of God can be thwarted.

In faith, we have uttered what we do not understand, for the ways of God are too wonderful for us.

We proclaim and question and even boast in our attempts to see and hear God at work.

We believe we will see God's goodness and be led through pathways that bring life.

We wait for God and the strength God offers, and our hearts take courage as we wait.

\*Processional Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH Page 127

\*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying TFWS Page 2193

PROCLAMATION

\*Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9-20-22 N.T. Page 448
In the only selection from Esther in the three-year lectionary cycle, we see Esther advocating to the king for her life and the lives of her people, the execution of Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai, and the establishment of the feast of Purim.

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

Children's Message Pastor Nancy Robinson
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 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought UMH Page 128

\*Gospel Lesson Mark 9:38-50 N. T. Page 45
Stern teaching against putting "stumbling blocks" in front of any who are seeking to follow the way of Jesus. Rather than creating or tolerating stumbling blocks, disciples of Jesus are actively to remove them, even if at high cost to themselves.

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Message What's All The Fuss? Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer Unison

Let us pray: All that we give is first a gift from you, O God. It is a joy to invest in the mission of the church, both as a gathered community in this place and as a scattered people who day by day offer a cup of cold water in Christ's name to people who are thirsty. May our offerings help to reach where we ourselves cannot go. Amen.

Offertory Anthem Psalm 86 Nygand
Soloist, Kathleen Nuckols

\*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

\*Affirmation of Faith Written by Middle School Class

I believe in God, the father and creator. I believe in Jesus, the son of God who came to earth to preach the goodness of God and the forgiveness of sins. I believe in the Holy Spirit who lives with us today guiding us on our way. I believe that as Christians we need to go out and preach God's word and help one another. I believe in the final judgment when we will account for our actions. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee UMH 142

\*Commission and Blessing
Reach out with mercy and compassion to the lonely, abused, and burdened.
God works out eternal purposes through us, reaching out to those who despise themselves.

The God of our salvation will strengthen you and grant courage for each day's tasks.
We have known the goodness of God and rely on God's favor day by day.

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.
The love of God keeps us steadfast, and we find our happiness in helping others.
Amen.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

\*Postlude Recessional Böellmann

**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 loving memory of Dorothy Pellegrin on the occasion of her birthday by Ray, Kathy, Cindy and Cory. The **Acolytes** are Lynette Any and Savannah Schmidt. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader** is The **Lay Speaker** is Chris White. The **Greeters** are Shari & Jeff Hedrick. The **Outside Greeter** is Mickey Barlow. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

**On Wednesday, September 30 through Friday, October 2,** the parking lot will be closed due to repairing and repainting. Please park either in the Gills property, behind the church on Waldo, or on Lawrence Street. We appreciate your cooperation and we hope this will be a minor inconvenience. Thank you.

**Our Church Staff:**

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*Music Director*

*Organist*

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