

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**October 5, 2008**

**10:50 AM**

**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** *In Christ There Is No East Or West* **Reinagle, arr. Griffith**

**\*Call to Worship**

We have come again to the mountain where God's presence is made known.

**We are here to praise our Creator, for God has done wonderful things.**

God makes clouds, lightning, and rain and brings forth the wind from God's storehouse.

**God sent signs and wonders to save people from the oppression of the Egyptians.**

God's name endures forever among those on whom God's hand has rested.

**We rejoice in gifts of wisdom and truth and in the compassion God extends to us.**

Bring thanksgiving and supplication to God, who hears and answers our prayers.

**God has been our refuge and strength and will supply everything we need.**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymns of Praise** *Christ Beside Me (stz. 1,2)* **TFWS 2166**  
*Lord, Be Glorified (stz. 1 & 4)* **TFWS 2150**  
*We Are the Body of Christ* **TFWS 2227**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Lesson** *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20* **O. T. Page 66**

In the hearing of the frightened people of Israel, Moses received the Ten Commandments.

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

**Act of Praise** *I Love to Tell the Story* **Justine and Grace Mimbe**

**Children's Message** **Dina Giese**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Calls Us* **Page 398**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 21:33-46* **N. T. Page 24**

Jesus told the parable of the wicked tenants. After a farmer had leased his farm to tenants, they refused to recognize anyone he sent to collect his produce. They even went so far as to kill his son when he came to them. Jesus quoted the Psalms and Isaiah when he told his detractors that he, as the "stone that the builders rejected", has become the cornerstone.

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**Message**

*How Can We Be Free Without Law?*

**Rev. Charles Swadley**

**RESPONSE**

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**  
Let us pray: **May our gifts be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God, for we present ourselves in a partnership of giving and receiving. We have enjoyed the bounty you provide; grant us now the depth of commitment we need to sacrifice all else for the privilege of serving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *In Unity We Lift Our Song* **Medema**

**\*Doxology** **Page 95**  
*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"** **Page 18**

**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** *My Hope Is Built* **Page 368**

**\*Commission and Blessing**  
Rejoice in the Sovereign always; again, I will say, rejoice!  
**God has met us here and blessed us; we give thanks for God's abundant kindness.**  
You have been equipped to face life in all its ambiguities and anguish.  
**We know how to be abased and how to abound.**  
In plenty and hunger, abundance and want, we are not alone.  
**We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us.**  
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**To God, our Father, be all glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *Living Word of God Eternal* **German Protestant Hymnal, 1693**

**\*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 loving memory of my husband and father, D. Carlton Bryant, by Anne and Keith Bryant. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Melissa and Santo Joseph. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeter** for this morning is Norma Pitts. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning service on Sunday, October 12, is Hal Costley.

**October is clergy appreciation month.** This gives us an “official” opportunity to thank our pastors for the ministries they provide for our church. Let them know you pray for them on a regular basis, thank them for their service here at the church and in the community, and let them know how much you support them and their loving dedication to our Church family. We are very fortunate to have Pastor Charles and Pastor Bruce as our spiritual leaders. Our pastors make many sacrifices to serve, sometimes at the expense of their own families. This is also a time we can take a moment to thank Sue Swadley and Dorothy Lake for supporting our church through their husbands. As always, encourage positive conversations in and about our 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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