

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 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. Any prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.

Special Collection for Stop Hunger Now Program

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

God has chosen us and called us by name, grasped us by the hands and opened doors for us.

It is flattering to be recognized by name and to have opportunities open up before us.

But we are fearful of a God who acts decisively to touch us and lead us in God's own way.

Where will God have us go, and how can we make our way in unknown places?

"I am God, and beside me there is no other; I gird you though you do not know me."

We hear God declaring sovereignty over all things and offering to prepare us for life's encounters.

From the rising of the sun, God will be known, in both light and gloom, weal and woe.

We worship a God who reigns over all things and offers support to us, who are God's creation. Amen.

***Processional Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* **Page 160**

***Invocation**
Hymns of Praise *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* **Page 352**
Halle, Halle, Halleluja **TFWS 2026**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 32:1-14* **O.T. Page 78**

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

Children's Message **Bob Friend**

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

Psalter *Psalms 106* **Page 829**

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **We have rendered to Caesar much that we do not care to give, O God. Now we return to you the gifts that are yours. All our wealth and possessions belong to you. Bless our use of these resources, both what we bring for the church's ministry and outreach and what we keep to support ourselves and provide for those we love most. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Soon and Very Soon* **arr. Schrader**

Doxology **TFWS 2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. 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." 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." Give thanks!

***Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* **TFWS 2197**

***Gospel Reading** *Matthew 22:1-14* **N. T. Page 24**

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Message *Can We Change God's Mind?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

Meditation *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (stzs.1, 2)* **Page 103**

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer **Unison**

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.

***Apostles Creed** **Page 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *O, Jesus, I Have Promised* **Page 396**

***Commission and Blessing**

Return to your worlds, guided by the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Do not leave us, O Living and True God, or keep us from following after you.

The company of your people will be our people, and you will always be our God, even in death.

We have heard God call our names, so we dare to trust God's leading.

Uphold your brothers and sisters in your prayers and support one another in faith, hope, and love.

We will be channels of God's care for those we love and all we meet.

Grace to you and peace, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

We have received and rejoice in God's blessing. All praise and thanks to the Triune God. 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 in honor of our Lord and Savior and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Sonny and Glenda Adams on October 11, 2008. The **Lay Reader** is April Wermuth. The **Greeters** for this morning are Keith and Billie Crane. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service, Sunday, October 19, will be Chris White.

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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