

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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.

Prelude

Prelude on "Gift of Love"

***Call to Worship**

What is your purpose for gathering in this place? Why have you come before the God of hosts?

We are here to honor God and entreat God's favor. How great is God's name among all the nations!

Do you really mean what you are saying? How have you kept covenant with your Creator?

We have been Christians as long as we can remember; we come to church, teach, and bring offerings.

Do your actions proclaim life, joy, and peace? Do you practice what you say you believe?

We are weary of being questioned and insulted; surely, our behavior is as good as most others!

God is not pleased with less than our best or honored by our tainted sacrifices.

God knows us better than we know ourselves. May God help us to be worthy listeners!

***Hymn of the Month**

In Unity We Lift Our Song

TFWS 2221

***Invocation**

***Hymns of Praise**

Jesus Name Above All Names
I Love You, Lord

TFWS 2071
TFWS 2068

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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Moses was allowed to see – but not enter – the Promised Land. He died in the land of Moab and was buried in an unknown burial place there. The Israelites mourned his death for thirty days.

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

Act of Praise

Instrument of Peace

Sky

Soloist: Kathleen Nuckols

Children's Message

Jeannie Wermuth

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

Prayers of the People

John Wermuth

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.

***Hymn**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-46

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The Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question: Which kind of commandment was the greatest? Jesus follows his reply with more questions about the identity of the Messiah. From that day, their questions ceased.

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

Message

Why Can't I Go, Too?

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **These offerings are part of ourselves – our work, our investment of time and resources. We give thanks for your abundant blessings that make it possible for us to share. We would not cheat you by withholding our best, either at your altar or in our daily encounters with your children. Help us to grow in worthiness of your continuing favor. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Gift of Love

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Give Thanks

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SENDING FORTH

Reception of Members

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***Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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***Commission and Blessing**

Are you ready to face another week? Have your purposes for gathering been fulfilled?

God has spoken to us once more a message we need to hear.

Will you keep covenant with your Creator, whose blessings are for all, without partiality?

Are we not all children of one God? Has not one God created us?

Live, then, in faithfulness to one another and to the God who calls forth your service.

Christ is our teacher, who lifted others' burdens. We are learning from Christ to do the same.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

The word of God is at work in us, and we witness to it in word and deed.

***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 honor of our 40th wedding anniversary and our 60th birthdays by Chris and Victoria White. The **blue carnation** on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Joshua Michael Anchor, son of Greg and Dawn (Davis) Anchor on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. Joshua weighed 9 lbs. and 3 ½ oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Joshua is the grandson to Paul and Cathy Davis and the great-grandson of Doris Davis. The **Lay Reader** is Grace Mimbe. The **Greeters** for this morning are Bob and Mitzie Puffenbarger. **First Response Team:** Stony and Dale Creery.

We welcome into our church family the following persons: Profession of Faith, Joan McStay, 2811 Hilliard Road, Apt. G, Richmond, 23228, 804-562-9216; her mentor is Beth Moses; Profession of Faith, Joy Richardson, 2278 High Bush Circle, Glen Allen, 23060, 804-855-7824; her mentor is Andrew Friend; Lynn White, Profession of Faith, Lynn White, 2603 Parkside Avenue, Richmond, 23228, 804-864-2855; her mentor is Sue Swadley.

The Upper Room devotional for November and December 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.

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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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