

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 9, 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** *Trumpet Tune* **Young**

**\*Call to Worship**

Be silent before the Sovereign God! For the day of God is at hand.

**We will put aside all that distracts us from our worship and service.**

On those who are oblivious to their sin, God's jealous wrath is poured out.

**Take away the gloom and anguish, the clouds and threat of devastation.**

God's distress with us is very real, and our punishment is deserved.

**We do not want to be children of the night who must hide our actions from others.**

Turn, then, from the shadows of sin to respond to the glowing lamps of God's love.

**We seek God's face amid the poor and needy and open our hands to feed the hungry.**

**\*Processional Hymn** *I Love Thy Kingdom* **Page 540**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymns of Praise** *Open Our Eyes* **TFWS 2086**  
*All I Need Is You* **TFWS 2080**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading** *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25* **O.T. Page 215**  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Act of Praise** *He Will Come* **Thomas**  
Soloist: Cindy Lobou

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

**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.**

**\*Hymn** *Near To the Heart of God* **Page 472**

**\*Gospel Reading** *Matthew 25:1:13* **N. T. Page 28**  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *How Can You Be A Fool and Not Be Foolish?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

**RESPONSE**

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **We bring before you, O God, this accounting of our faithfulness. You have entrusted much to us. We return some of it for the work of your church. Grant us imagination and generosity to use all you entrust to us in ways that build up rather than destroy. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Keep Your Lamps* **Morgan**  
**\*Doxology** *Give Thanks* **TFWS 2036**

**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 Give thanks!**

**\*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** *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* **Page 717**

**\*Commission and Blessing**

To those who have used well the gifts of God, the Sovereign One entrusts greater responsibility.

**It is a joy to serve God through serving others, to build up and encourage our neighbors.**

Live as children of the day, worthy of trust and dependable in your outreach.

**Our deeds are open to God's searching light, and we will not shrink from God's judgment.**

In silence and in speech let your witness be true.

**In all our works we would praise God and in all relationships value God's children.**

May God's mercy continue and save this earth from death and destruction.

**May all our attitudes and actions be life-affirming and supportive of genuine peace among people. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *Postlude in B Flat* **J.S. Bach**

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**\*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 celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Lay Reader** is . The **Greeter** for this morning is Judy Eddins. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

**On Wednesday, November 12,** at 7:00 PM, the church will hold its Charge Conference. All members are invited to attend and to celebrate the ministries of the church.

**Our Church Staff:**

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*Pastor*

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*Music Director*

*Organist*

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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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