

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 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 *Voluntary of "How Firm a Foundation"* **arr. Broughton**

***Call to Worship**

God calls together the scattered flock, searching for all who have wandered away.

We have strayed from God's purposes and yet resist the idea that we must be rescued.

God brings us home and feeds our spirits. God binds up our wounds and strengthens the weak.

It is good to be at home in God's house and to be reminded of how much God cares for us.

God, in Christ, calls us to grow up and bear fruit, to share with the Chosen One in resurrection victory.

We long to be raised from the death that engulfs us, to live in newness of life under God's rule.

Worship God with renewed intent to share in ministry to the least of our sisters and brothers in need.

We come to this time and place for renewed vision, deepened intent, and empowerment to act.

***Processional Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **Page 89**

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** *My Life Is in You, Lord* **TFWS 2032**

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Reading *I Thessalonians 5:1-11* **N.T. Page 205**

The Day of the Lord will come at an unexpected time. Therefore, Paul exhorts us to remain sober, faithful, and hopeful, and to continue to build up and encourage one another.

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

Act of Praise *Cantad Al Senor* **Adult Handbells**

Children's Message **Pastor Charles**

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

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** *What Gift Can We Bring* **Page 87**

***Gospel Reading** *Matthew 25:14-30* **N. T. Page 28**

Jesus continued his description of the kingdom of heaven by using an offensive investment story.

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

Message *How Do You Invest Your Faith* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **On behalf of those who are hungry, thirsty, alone, and friendless, we offer our gifts and ourselves. Help us to claim our kinship with all your children and to participate with you in that work through which all of us were redeemed and reconciled and made whole. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Sing A New Song to the Lord* **Sleeth**

***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!

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *A Charge to Keep I Have* **Page 413**

***Commission and Blessing**

Scatter again into the world, but do not lose your way.

We seek to follow where our shepherd leads and to find nourishment where God provides.

Seek the light and do not dwell in the shadows. Ask for the help you need, day by day.

We know we are not alone, for God is everything to us and trusts us.

Fulfill the trust placed in you, by responding to the cries of your sisters and brothers.

We will share what we have with the needy and give ourselves with our gifts.

Follow Christ in a new life of service that bears fruit among all you meet.

We accept Christ's empowering presence in our midst and in our own hearts.

Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

Fanfare

Otterstad

***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 memory of my brother, Mike Hays by Jimmie and Patricia Emory. The **Lay Reader** is Ruth Wilson. The **Acolytes** are Alexandra Smith-Scales and Jay Wade. The **Crucifer** is Tayler Bliss. The **Greeter** for this morning is Pattie Utley. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast.

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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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