

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2008

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

*In consideration of those preparing for worship, please refrain from distracting conversations upon entering the Meetinghouse.*

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls Us To Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: *(The Second Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 55:6-11)*

One: Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.

All: Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts.

One: And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

All: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, not my ways your ways, says the Lord.

One: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

All: For as rain and snow fall from the heavens, and return not again, but water the earth,

One: Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,

All: So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;

One: But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

\*Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

PH 35

\*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God; to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*The Lord's Prayer *(using "sins")*

\*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Hebrew 1:1-12 N.T. Pg. 218/L.P. Pg. 264

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 O.T. Pg. 506/L.P. Pg. 623

Solo *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* C. Gabriel/C. Martin

Bethany Weber

Second Reading: John 1: 1-13 N.T. Pg. 91/L.P. Pg. 111

\*Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* PH 317

Sermon Bruce Weber

RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn: *Great is Your Faithfulness* NCH 423

Offering

Offertory: *Mary Did You Know?* B. Greene/M. Lowry

Ryan Weber

Doxology: PH 515

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

Prayers of the People  
Pastoral Prayer  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PH 8

Benediction  
Postlude

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