

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

November 22, 2009

(Last Sunday in Kingdombtide: The green paraments
and banners symbolize our time of growth.)

A MEDITATION

Holy God, your reign weds justice and love, grace and truth,
wisdom and compassion. Help us to listen for your voice that
claims us within your reign. From such grace of belonging, launch
us to bear witness to your realm with the whole of our lives.
Amen.

TIME OF SINGING

I Can See Clearly Now
Give Thanks
Glorify Thy Name (#2016)
I Saw The Light

Fireband

TIME OF SHARING (Thank you for attending Redding UMC. We encourage you
to record your attendance, with your name and address, at today's worship. We will
then send you an information packet and add you to our mailing list for a few weeks.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Song of Preparation: **Like A Child (#2092)**

O Lord, we are mindful of the enduring and beautiful vision that is the Reign of
God.

**We are aware of the wondrous Christ who beckons us to join its ennobling
cause.**

Yet we confess, O God, our times of lethargy, and disillusionment.

**Very often, the vision is just too grand or difficult, and the high standards
set seem beyond human capabilities.**

We sink in resignation and gravitate toward despair.

**Our faith can become lifeless, our worship more a matter of familiar
routines.**

Come, O God, with compelling words of wisdom.

Fill us with a renewed sense of the possible.

Overcome our many fears, and heal our need for perfection.

We want to co-create; we want to participate in the reshaping of your world.

TIME OF SILENCE

Friends, grace and peace come to you from the One who is and who was and
who is to come.

And also to you.

In and through the reign of Christ, our brokenness is healed. Our fears are
dimmed. And our courage re-ignited.

All praise and glory be to God. Amen!

Confessional Response: **Like A Child (#2092)**

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 5: 12-28

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please fill out a prayer slip with joys or concerns, if you wish.)

