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June 1, 2008

COMMUNION SUNDAY

11:00 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11:00 AM

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 3:20 KJV

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations He has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Psalm 46 RSV

***A TIME OF PRAISE:** I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Jesus, Loved Of My Love

Shout To The Lord

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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UNISON PRAYER: "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name through Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHERUBS: Ho Ho Ho Hosanna

JUNIORS: Indescribable

Welcoming Our Visiting Friends

Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joy and Blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father; that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

INVITATION:

Pastor: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

CONFESSION IN UNISON:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR PARDON:

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: Hear what comfortable words the Scriptures say to all that truly turn to the Lord: Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***A TIME OF WORSHIP:** Sing For Joy
Majesty, Here I Am
Draw Me Close

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Grace Greater Than Our Sin #365

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 6 Pew Bible #5

MESSAGE: "Proof That Miracles Can Happen When Your Life is Committed"
Pastor Brown

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through Him: Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen. We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

PRAYER: "Lord Jesus, for too long I've kept You out of my life. I admit that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. I repent of my sins by changing my mind about the way I've been living. Please forgive me for chasing after things that can't satisfy me. No longer will I close the door when I hear You knocking. By faith I gratefully receive Your gift of salvation. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. With all my heart I believe You are the Son of God who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe Your Words are true. I accept You into my heart. Be my Savior and Lord. I surrender to Your leadership in my life. Make me into the person You want me to be. Amen."

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION: "O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, Thy humble servants, desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION: Victory In Jesus #370

***ALLELUIA *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

Altar is open for prayer. You are welcome to come to the Altar, praying for someone or praying for self with commitment to Christ for the first time or for rededication of your life to Him. Someone will join you at the Altar to pray with you.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR May 25, 2008

ATTENDANCE:(58/43,101) **TOTAL OFFERING:**\$2515.85

GENERAL:\$1967.35 **DESIGNATED:**\$548.50

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY: **11:00 AM**

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Liz Haas and Jan Avery

WORSHIP LEADER:

GREETERS: Donna Shultz

NURSERY: Betsy Shumaker

USHER: Dave Lee

AUDIO: Bob Deuel
JR. CHURCH: Bill and Abby Woodward

HONOR YOUR FATHER/GRANDFATHER on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 2008, by placing their name in the Bulletin for a donation of \$1 per name which will be used in our Hospital Ministry.

IN HONOR OF _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

BY _____

MEN'S BANQUET-Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop Larry Simpson. The menu for the dinner will be prime rib. The chef will be Joe Walker and the team. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per person.

ALUMNI CHOIR- On June 11, 2008 we will have practice at 7:30 p.m. Will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sang in the choir in the past and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

THE CONTINENTALS- Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE-We will begin on July 6, 2008. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday school will be at 9:00 a.m. The Worship will be at 8:30 a.m. at Wesley UMC. We will start the Saturday evening service on August 2, 2008 and will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a light supper at 7:45 p.m.

VBS-July 25-August 1, 2008. Shannan Meilunas is the coordinating this VBS program.

CHICKEN BBQ-CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-GARAGE SALE—August 9, 2008, Time: TBD--Proceeds to the Building Fund
Looking for Energetic Committee Members to coordinate, sell advance tickets and just plain help when & where needed. We would like to make this a fun-day for everyone while adding to the Building Fund! Our first meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00. Thanks to all! For more information, contact Robin Bartholomew at 349-9221.

CHURCH CALENDAR *WEEK of June 1, 2008*

TODAY: 8:30 AM First Worship Service
9:50 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Second Worship Service
9:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service
WED: 6:00 PM Soup/Supper
6:30 PM Bible Study
FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

PRAISE THE LORD FOR: Our Nation and for the Church of Jesus Christ, our Lord. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."
Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV
CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Irene Dunham, Liam Ewing, Connie Perry (Glenn Godoy's sister), Denny Lee (Dave Lee's brother), Al Smith (recovering at home), Don Pullano (hearth cath), Arlene Phillips (Betty DuBois' cousin) Bill Camp (Barbara Allen's brother, has been placed on hospice), Al Randisi (cancer), Barbara Allen, Ed Hower(broken foot), Wilbur Wesner, Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer, going through chemo), Bill Jubin, Katherine Collins, Harry Phillips (prostate cancer), Guil Woodward, Paulette (colon cancer, going through heavy chemo), Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer, going through chemo), Sarah Deuel, Kathleen Budnovitch (Millie Rood's friend), George Cameron, Irving Rosenbarker, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Jonathan (Nate Young's grandson), Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, June Smith, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Mahlon Tewksbury, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj and her son Gabriel and Jack Hoppes.
THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Raymond Persons (Edith Perkins' son, serving in Afghanistan), Bill Davis (Emily Seymour's niece's husband), Ryan Warner (Jean Warfield's granddaughter's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson (back in US), Christopher Simser Jr.(back in US), Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos.
Please pray for the upcoming Elections and continue to pray for our Nation.
PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim/Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr.Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).