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June 29, 2008

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:25 AM

GREETINGS & GATHERINGS: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Psalms 89:1-4, 14-18 RSV

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**

How Great Thou Art

#77

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

#881

***GLORIA PATRI:**

#70

UNISON PRAYER: "Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hast created us for Thyself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee: Grant unto us such purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Thy will and no weakness from doing it. In Thy light may we see life clearly, and in Thy service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed."

1 Peter 4:12-13

Welcoming Our Visiting Friends
Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joys and Blessings
Sharing our Prayer Concerns

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

PRAYER VERSE: “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.” **Lamentations 3:22-24 RSV**

PRAYER CHORUS: What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526

OFFERTORY VERSE: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 6:23 RSV**

OFFERTORY CHORUS: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #349

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY:** #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #462

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible #19

MESSAGE: “Abraham’s Test” Craig Sabin

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** Trust and Obey #467

***ALLELUIA *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

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THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY: 8:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Bartholomew
GREETERS: Jim and Liz Haas
NURSERY: Betsy Shumaker
USHER: Rex Rosenbarker
AUDIO: Bob Deuel
JR. CHURCH: Robin Bartholomew/Youth

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR June 22, 2008

ATTENDANCE:(61/38,99)

TOTAL OFFERING:\$2669.35

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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. Our friend Dave Coles will be preaching and there will be a reception to follow. The Worship will be at 8:30 a.m. at Wesley UMC. We will begin a Saturday evening service on August 2, 2008. The service will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a light supper at 7:45 p.m.

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**A TIME OF PRAYER
A TIME OF WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND
SPECIAL MUSIC**

***A TIME OF WORSHIP:** Sing For Joy
Salvation Belongs To Our God
You Are My All In All

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GREETERS: Donna Shultz
NURSERY: Sandhya Naik
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AUDIO: Jim Cogswell
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Majesty (Here I Am)
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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
FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

PRAISE THE LORD FOR: Kristin Seymour's test results came back benign!
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CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Chuck Loeffler (upcoming surgery this week), Deborah Eckhardt (new baby), Carrie Sears (22 yr. old who was in a car accident), Nancy Soletto (Rich McPherson's aunt), Harvey Henson (cancer), Liam Ewing, Connie Perry (Glenn Godoy's sister), Denny Lee (Dave Lee's brother), Al Smith (recovering at home), Arlene Phillips (Betty DuBois' cousin), Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer), Bill Jubin, Harry Phillips (prostate cancer), Guil Woodward, Paulette (colon cancer), Vanessa Randesi, Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer), George Cameron, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj, Gabriel (Kim's son), and Jack Hoppes.
Special Needs--Valerie Luzzi.

We extend a Christian sympathy to Barbara Allen and her family on the passing of her brother, Bill Camp.

THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Raymond Persons (Edith Perkins' son, serving in Afghanistan), Bill Davis (Emily Seymour's niece'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).