

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2010

9:15 and 10:45

The Reflective Reading

We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.

Viktor Frankl

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

The Prelude

Eleanor Whitsett, Organist

The Greeting

The Celebration Choir

Sing! Make a Joyful Sound

The Call to Celebration

Minister: Summer is here!

People: We feel God all around!

Minister: In the mighty sound of thunder,

People: God is here!

Minister: In the buzzing of a tiny bee,

People: God is here!

Minister: In our songs and in our prayers,

People: God is here!

WE CELEBRATE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!

The Hymn of Celebration

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Prayer of Our Family of Christ

What a wonderful time, O God. We watch the world come alive. Flowers are blooming everywhere. We love the tastes of summer! We can enjoy a day at the lake or just a long walk around the block. Everywhere children are laughing and playing. Thank you for all of our blessings.

There are times when the day seems too long though. The night seems even longer. We feel disconnected and alone. We feel tempted. The world around us offers so many ways to disconnect from you. We choose things to worship like celebrities, success, and money. They all lead us away from you.

We feel like Daniel in the lion's den, surrounded by danger. Please God, come to us like you came to Daniel. Protect us and strengthen our faith.

Help us make our lives a worthy gift to you.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD!

The Anthem

The Celebration Choir

Fall on Me

The Reading and Hearing of God's Word

Daniel 6: 11-18

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The Creed and the Gloria

Back of Hymnal

The Witness

Dr. Robert Gorrell

“Lions”

WE RESPOND TO THE LORD WITH FAITH AND JOY!

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer of the Pastor

The Lord's Prayer

The Malotte Version

(Let us join hands together as we pray this
prayer that our Lord has taught us.)

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

The Song of Thanksgiving

Worship Hymn

Your Hands

People: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Servant Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand and hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand and hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse 3: We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each other's
pride.

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(The “Fish” that stands near the Lord's Table is a container for a special offering for people with many different kinds of needs through the missional outreach of this congregation and The United Methodist Church.)

The Welcoming, Greeting, and Celebrating of One Another

The Reception of New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Blessing and Sending Forth

Minister: They told Daniel not to pray!

People: But Daniel prayed anyway!

Minister: They threw Daniel in the lion's den!

People: But God protected Daniel!

Minister: Make your witness in faith!

People: We will witness in faith!

To Be Alive!

Back of Hymnal

The Postlude

Eleanor Whitsett, Organist

(Immediately after our service is over this morning, a couple of our ministers will be available to pray with you if there's something you're dealing with in your life right now, and to share with you the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You can go to the Lord's Table to meet them there now.)

**Memorize these words and
say them to yourself each day this week:**

“So the king gave orders for Daniel to be taken and
thrown into the pit filled with lions. He said
to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you
serve so loyally, rescue you.’ ”

(Daniel 6: 16)

COMING INTO OUR FAMILY OF CHRIST THIS MORNING...

By Transfer

Mary "Frances" Lawson

WE OFFER SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS MORNING FOR...

Phyllis Baker; Tom and Helen Brinkworth; Kevin, Keri, and Kolton Chessmore; Clay, Julie, Will, and Charlie Cockrill; Jay and Nancy Collins; Wally DeLong; Mickey Gross and Peter and Terry Weaver; Larry and Lisa Hood; Vernon, Nancy, Chrissie, and Lizzie Hyde; Mary Jessup; Elvan and Nancy Lombard; Charles and Dorothy Luke; John and Connie Madison; Henry and Jere Marcotte; Gary and Catherine Warren; and Troy, Amy, and Rachel Weber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCCER REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2010 is now available for ages 3 through 10. You can find forms and details at the Welcome Center, downstairs at the Children's Area Welcome Counter or go to www.churchoftheservant.com under Children's Ministries programs.

SKYLINE CLOTHES FOR KIDS NEEDS YOUR VOTE! Skyline Clothes for Kids back to school campaign has been accepted for the Pepsi Refresh Everything grant program with an application for a \$50,000 grant. To win this grant, they need your vote every day in July! To vote go to www.refresheverything.com/clothesforkids. What an incredible way to serve this summer. Let's win this grant!

13.2. A place of hospitality where our congregants and guests can come to be refreshed in spirit through fellowship, and in body with a quality beverage or snack. Join us right inside the East Portico Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR 'NEXT STEPS' MEETING August 15 at 4:00 p.m. in our new coffee shop, 13.2. 'Next Steps' is an opportunity to learn about the vision of Church of the Servant, our discipleship process, and ways to live out your relationship with Christ. Following this meeting is an opportunity to join Church of the Servant in a brief worship service. Sign up for 'Next Steps' at the Welcome Center or email Jeremy Sanders at jsanders@churchoftheservant.com.

FAITH GOES TO THE MOVIES – "EAST OF EDEN" – Join us Sunday, August 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Centrum! We will watch "East of Eden" and have a discussion led by Dr. Curtis Nigh. This is a free event! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE! Join us in Tulsa at the Tulsa BOK Center August 27 and 28. Register at the Welcome Center or contact Heather DeShazo at 721-4141 to order tickets. Can't afford to go? Don't let that stop you! We have sponsorships available. Contact Heather for more information.

WARM WORLD SCHOOL, a Christian pre-school and kindergarten for 3 - 6 year olds, has a few openings in the half-day transitional kindergarten and full-day kindergarten programs for this fall. If you are interested in more information you can check out the website, www.warmworld.com, or call our office at 721-4141 and ask for Warm World.

EARTHGLow HAS SPECIAL APRONS FOR YOUNG HELPERS... or future cooks in your family. They are decorated with cute sayings such as: "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's", "Future King of the Grill" and "Don't Forget to Add Chocolate". Also, you can't help but smile when you see and hear the new Bobble Head Animals in many varieties. Come in today to support missions through your purchases.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT THIS MORNING have been given in joyful celebration of Paul and Brooke Gebb's 6th wedding anniversary.

NEXT SUNDAY Dr. Robert Gorrell will continue our sermon series - Villians - with "Dressed to Kill: Herod Antipas" based on Luke 23: 6-12.