

August 22, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

P: God is our refuge and our stronghold.

L: The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

P: We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

P: Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. Amen.

*HYMN *"Morning Has Broken"*

UMH No. 145

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Those who are able, please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"* UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 13:10-17*

SERMON **"But the Bible Says ..."** *Rev. Stephen Cady*

*HYMN *"I Come With Joy"* UMH No. 617

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving Lord, help us to trust in your care, and place ourselves and all we have in your hands, to use according to your wisdom and goodness. Amen.

*HYMN *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* UMH No. 454

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Blest Be the Tie That Binds, No. 557 v. 1*

*LORD'S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE