

August 29, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

L: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

L: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be our disciples.

P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

*HYMN *"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"* UMH No. 662

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is way to rue life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 READING

Luke 14:7-14

SERMON **"The Seating Arrangements"** *Rev. Stephen Cady*

*HYMN *"Nearer My God to Thee"* UMH No. 528

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 DEDICATION **Holy and eternal God, whose heart abounds with blessings, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live according to your law; surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world and your people. Amen.**

*HYMN *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* UMH No. 462

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

*LORD'S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.