

October 24, 2010

10:00 a.m.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

MORNING PRAYER

INTROIT

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 18:9-17*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Bless the Lord, the God who draws us near!

P: We will give thanks for God’s love and mighty deeds.

L: Lift up your hearts to the God who listens.

P: We will rest in the Calmer of life’s raging seas.

L: Come, let us bless the God of our Salvation.

P: Let us bring shouts of joy morning and evening, day after day! Amen.

SERMON

Ryan Krauss

“When Pharisees and Tax Collectors Play Ping-Pong”

*HYMN *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* UMH No. 361

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.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies richly while neglecting to feed our souls. We have allowed “religious” words and deeds to distract us from living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, gracious Redeemer; we ask for the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past and provide us with new avenues to share your grace. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

*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 **Almighty God, giver of every
good and perfect gift, teach us to return to you all that we
have and all that we are. We long to praise you with not just
our lips but with our whole lives, turning all of our duties,
sorrows, joys into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*HYMN *“Lead On O King Eternal”* UMH No. 580

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.**

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

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.