

July 24, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Call to God and sing Christ's praise!

P: Give thanks to the Lord above!

L: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

P: Remember God's wonderful works!

L: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

P: Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love! Amen.

*HYMN *"To God be the Glory"* UMH No. 98

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, as we seek you, search our hearts. Root out those places where we are frightened and unsure of your love. Forgive us when we give up too easily or refuse to wait for new beginnings. Help us trust that nothing in all of creation can separate us from you. Draw us into your arms of love, that we may always know your presence and rest in your strength. 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

MISSION MOMENT**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

SERMON *"It's Like This ..."* Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN *"Seek Ye First"* UMH No. 405

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

God of all gifts, thank you for your deeds of love and for your marvelous works of grace. For this earth and its bounty, we give you thanks. For our lives and their abundance, we give you praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. Amen.

*HYMN *"Christ for the World We Sing"* UMH No. 568

*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.