

August 10, 2008

Welcome to Worship and Praise

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Items on the left margin are for 9:00 a.m. Items on the right margin are for 11:00 a.m.
Items that extend all the way across the page are for both services.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (please sign the friendship pads)

WE SHARE MOMENTS OF FELLOWSHIP

A CALL TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

MUSIC AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP *Acolytes*

"There's Not a Friend" – Van Denman Thompson tune: George Hugg

RAISING OUR VOICES IN THANKS AND PRAISE - Please stand if you are able

♪ **UMH 377** **We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise FWS 2031**
It Is Well With My Soul

HEARING AND EXPERIENCING THE GOOD NEWS

Leader: Let us gather together all whose courage is in the Lord!.
PEOPLE: FOR THE DAYS ARE LONG AND AT TIMES OUR FAITH SEEMS SO WEAK.

Leader: Let our hearts focus on Christ and let us be bold where we walk.
PEOPLE: FOR IN CHRIST ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH.

Leader: Then let us lift our voices in song and praise to the Lord.
ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Lord, so often we have let our doubts and fears cloud the faith in our hearts. So often we have let the problems around us cause us to lose faith in your power. Forgive us, Lord, and help us not only to hear your word of hope and love, but like Peter, help us to step out in faith that others might know your love and power are real. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

MINISTRY UPDATE Joshua Allton

A READING FROM THE BIBLE. Matthew 14:22-33

"Peter walks on the water . . . sort off"

Leader: The Word of the Lord **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Can Only Imagine" Sondra Bainum

Following the Ministry of Music, children age four through grade three are invited to go to Children's Church, upstairs in Room #201.

THE MESSAGE "KEEPING YOUR EYES ON JESUS"

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

♪ (seated) **UMH 509 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**
♪ (seated) **All I Need Is You FWS 2080**

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Your regular giving fulfills the mission and ministry of our church by –

- Providing paper and plastic products for our wide variety of church programs and needs;
- Supporting the United Methodist run Hartzell Primary School in Zimbabwe.

We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

♪ Offertory "Open My Eyes" Tom Birchwood based on SCOTT, by Clara Scott
The Prayer of Dedication

♪ "Praise God..." (Please stand if you are able) **UMH 95** ♪ Offertory
The Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNIONA SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III #15

Served at stations at the front, trays with bread inserts

♪ **UMH 398 Jesus Calls Us** ♪ **Sent Out in Jesus' Name FWS 2184**
Please stand, if you are able (Acolytes)

At the close of this service there is a time for those who have special prayer needs. You are invited to come to the front pew or to the kneeling step during this closing song. The pastor will meet you there.

A BLESSING (in unison)

Now may God, who has gone before our community of faith in fire and cloud, go before us now in peace and joy, preparing the hearts of all people to receive the witness of our goodwill, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

♪ **SINGING OUR BENEDICTION** . . Sweet, Sweet Spirit **UMH 334**

MUSIC TO ENERGIZE US AS WE GO TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

"The Joyous Heart" – Gerald Peterson

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (UMH 377)

In the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, the ship's captain called one of his passengers to the bridge and said, "To the best of my calculations, Mr. Spafford, this is where the tragedy occurred and your daughters were drowned." Weeks earlier Horatio Spafford had planned a family trip to Europe in November of 1873. Last-minute business developments made it necessary for Mr. Spafford to remain in Chicago for a few days. He sent his wife and four daughters - Anna, eleven; Maggie, nine; Bessie, seven; and Tanetta, two - on the ship *Ville du Havre* to France with a group of friends.

In midocean the *Ville du Havre* was struck by the *Lochearn*, an English ship, and twelve minutes later it sank. Mrs. Spafford was picked up among the survivors, but the four little girls perished. As soon as possible, Mr. Spafford left New York to join his wife. At the place where the tragedy occurred, he stood on the bridge of the ship for some time, contemplating the loss of his girls. Then he went to his cabin and wrote the poem that begins "When peace like a river attendeth my way." In the midst of great sorrow and tragedy, he gave expression to the peace in his heart.

Sorrow and tragedy were no strangers to the Spaffords. The 1871 Chicago fire had wiped out Spafford's extensive real estate holdings on the north shore of Lake Michigan. In 1880 their fourteen-year-old son, Horatio, died of scarlet fever. Christian friends in the Presbyterian congregation to which the Spaffords belonged accused them of some great sin, causing these tragedies to be visited on them. The controversy grew until the Spaffords were asked to leave their church. With unwavering faith and trust in God, they departed.

Long interested in biblical archaeology, Spafford and his wife and several friends settled in Jerusalem in 1881. They made their homes and became part of the life and culture of that area. The people in the community called them "the American colony." After Spafford's death in 1888, his family and friends decided to stay in Jerusalem. His daughter, Bertha Spafford Vester, led the group in establishing the American Colony Hotel, which was well known into the twentieth century and provided a welcome oasis for travelers to Jerusalem. What a fitting tribute to one whose faith-inspired words we sing:

*Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

-- From *SONGS OF GLORY* by William J. Reynolds

SING THEM OVER AGAIN TO ME – *favorite hymns and songs.*



Most of us have favorite hymns and church songs that have special meaning to us. Today's featured hymn has been suggested by those listed here with their reasons and memories connected with the hymn.

Brenda Jody:

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL as one of my very first songs that I learned in the "BIG" church when I was a little girl. The church was being led by my great-grandfather (a Methodist minister). Plus, my grandmother played it on the piano a lot at her house. I always felt blessed by hearing this song. It always makes my heart and soul feel like it's in "the right place." This song gives me the whole picture from being with God from by beginning to my end. Praise be to God!"

Mike Louiso:

This hymn has special meaning for me because of "what it says." Along my journey of faith, "it made me listen to the words of songs when I sing them."

Josh Allton Update:

For the past two years, I have interned with Campus Crusade for Christ at Ohio University. Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) is a nonprofit, interdenominational missions organization aimed at reaching college students all around the world with the message and love of Jesus Christ. It was started at UCLA in 1951 by Bill and Vonette Bright, and it is now present in approximately 190 countries around the world. CCC is now comprised of over 30 different ministries in addition to the Campus Ministry; two of the more well-known of those ministries are the Jesus Film project and Family Life ministries.

This past summer, I was hired by CCC as a full-time missionary employee. I have been re-assigned to work on the Cincinnati Metro Team, where I will be working with several campuses in the greater Cincinnati area (including University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University). I will be doing the same thing on these campuses that I did during my internship at OU: leading small group Bible studies, sharing the Gospel with college students on campus, meeting with college men one-on-one as a discipleship mentor, and helping to start Campus Crusade for Christ at other campuses in the area so as to give other college students the same opportunity to grow in and share their faith that these students will have.

Since I am joining CCC full-term, I have to raise a significant amount more of monthly financial support than I did during my internship because I have been hired by CCC as a long-term employee. Like many other mission organizations, Campus Crusade for Christ has no central funds for paying the salaries and ministry expenses of its employees; thus, I depend upon the consistent financial support of concerned individuals and churches. My greatest desire in this process is to connect with people individually in this endeavor, as this ensures that I can cultivate a long-lasting relationship with those who will be my partners in ministry at Cincinnati. If you are interested in joining my ministry team, please contact me; I would absolutely love to connect with you and serve together in bringing college students in the Cincinnati area to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Schedule of Activities for the Week of August 10th – August 17th, 2008

TODAY 10th: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

Returning from Church wide Family Campout at Long's Retreat Family Resort.

- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., BETTY WRIGHT DAY AT CLERMONT YMCA: Come; join the fun at the Clermont YMCA. Non-members are welcome. Delicious food will be sold at the pool area. There will be a raffle. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.00. ALL proceeds will go the Betty Wright YMCA Kids to Camp Scholarship Fund. Come, this will help send some child to a day camp in Betty's name. (Rain date is August 17th)

TUESDAY 12th: 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in Parlor

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall to put together the Crossroads Ministry plans and schedule for the fall. Please come with events you would like to see in the fall. We will discuss all scheduling for Discipleship Group and Revolution Gatherings.

WEDNESDAY 13th: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

- 1:00 p.m. United Methodist Women will meet in Fellowship Hall. Program will be lead by Anne Gaskins. Hostesses are Mabel Albasin and Juanita Thornberry.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 14th: Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 7:00 p.m. Rising Tides Practice in Worship Center
- **7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service in Chapel.**

FRIDAY 15th: 5:30 p.m. **Friday Night Reds Game** (Parents welcome) for those who have completed 6th Grade (7th Graders) If interested please contact Bonnie Olds-Carson at 724-3856; or cell #720-5800; e-mail bonnie@wumy.org or Lisa Smith at 734-3460.

NEXT SUNDAY 17th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Trip Story from The Mission Team

(1) CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE: Let me take this opportunity to invite any persons in our congregation to join our Chancel Choir. We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and sing each Sunday at our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Our rehearsals will begin August 13th at 7:00 p.m. and our first Sunday to sing in the worship service will be on August 24th. Please contact me for any further information. Jill Oetzel, Chancel Choir Director, phone 724-0798, cell 532-3902, e-mail: joetzel@fuse.net

(2) THE AMAZING RACE: Sunday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m. Meet at Williamsburg Park with your team of 3 for a crazy fun time. Teams will pay a \$15.00 entry fee. There will be prizes for the winners of each leg and a grand prize for the first place finishing team! Grades 6 -12 are invited to participate. If interested please contact Bonnie Olds-Carson at 724-3856; 720-5800; e-mail bonnie@wumy.org or Lisa Smith at 734-3460.



(3) HOSPICE OF HOPE ENVELOPES: All the proceeds go to Hospice of Hope, Ohio Valley located near Mt. Orab, Ohio.

(4) FAMILY IN NEED: A young family with 4 children is moving to Williamsburg. The only furniture they have presently is a couch & loveseat. Anyone with anything to donate (Beds?). Please contact Nancy Pontz 724-7138.

(5) MINISTRY UPDATE – August 3, 2008

Christian Education Classes (**Children 10, Youth 5, Adult 57**) 72 Average YTD 89
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services (89 + 72 + 19 Mission Trip) 180 Average YTD 179
Received last week for the Budget: \$ 5,489.00
Received last week for other purposes: \$ 1,189.00
Budget Goal Year to Date: \$ 153,915.00
Received for the Budget YTD: \$ 132,445.00
Budget Expenses YTD: \$ 146,125.15

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