

# CELEBRATING IN WORSHIP

June 28, 2009 – 10:30 am

## Gathering

Silent Meditation

Welcome and Announcements (Please sign Friendship Register and pass it down the pew)

Centering Song

*Bind Us Together*

STF#2226

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God, there is only one King; there is only one body, that is why we sing.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life. This is the day of meeting in Christ's name.

**People: We reach out for health and wholeness. We embrace one another with concern and care.**

Leader: God is attentive to us and hears our cries. God challenges us to eager engagement in life.

**People: Like those who watch eagerly for the morning, we wait in joyous anticipation of God's Word.**

Leader: The word of life is ours to receive. The good news is available to be shared.

**People: We will sing praises to God's holy name. We will tell of God's faithfulness day by day.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

#210

Silent Prayer of Confession

A Litany Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

**People: Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

**People: Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

**People: Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us. Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared. Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship, those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their religion, their sexuality, their gender, their age, their physical or mental challenge - whatever it is that creates barriers between people. Lord Jesus Christ, help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God, and precious to God. We pray this prayer in your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: If God marked iniquities, who could stand? Yet there is forgiveness from the Source of Life.

**People: There is power to redeem us from the most grievous sin.**

Leader: God offers steadfast love to re-center our lives. When we revere God, all else in life is seen in a new light.

**People: What was dead in us is brought to new life. Our brokenness is healed. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Praise God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Glory to God*

STF#2033

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! (repeat)  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus! (repeat)  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit! (repeat)  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

\*The Peace

**The Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading                  Psalm 130                  pg. 573

New Testament Reading                  Mark 5:25-34                  pg. 39

Sermon

**We Respond**

\*Hymn of Response                  *Take My Life*                  pg. 391

\*Affirmation of Faith                  *The Apostles' Creed*                  (p. 14 in the front of the hymnal)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debt & debtors)

Offering

\*Doxology #592  
**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.**

\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Receive and bless these gifts and our lives, O God, which we offer in response to  
your steadfast love revealed so clearly in Jesus. As he transformed people's  
lives with the healing power of his love, so may lives continue to be transformed  
through these gifts, our love and our witness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**Sending**

\*Hymn                  *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*                  #2241

\*Our Mission

**To be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach  
out to others to share the love of God and celebrate the good news of Jesus  
Christ through worship, prayer, thought and action.**

\*Benediction

\*Response

Postlude                  \*All who are able please stand  
Liturgist: Beth Postema  
Offering: Jim Postema

# **Announcements**

## **Flowers for the Worship Service**

You are invited to give flowers to brighten our worship. Choose a date to honor someone special, and sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. For information or questions, call Grace Covey (233-4691), Mary Skalet (236-5559), Marion DeJong (233-3041) or Ruth Mathews (233-4469). Thank you!

## **Dorothy Day Food Pantry**

Please consider volunteering once each month to help serve our community at the pantry. Due to the student summer vacation, this is the busiest time of the year. In addition, the spring flooding has created more need than ever. Our congregation has agreed to help once a month, but it is not possible without your help. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to get 4-6 volunteers to sign up. Also, we now have two days per month to choose from to better fit your schedules. Contact Lisa Mark if you have any questions or comments at 588-4380. Thanks so much!!

## **Song Books and Hymnals**

*Please help us care for and protect our songbooks and hymnals!* Use them as we sing God's praises joyfully. Help us care for them by returning them to the racks, placing them either alone or combined with the Bible. Jamming them in with the regular hymnals will damage the spines of both books. Thank You.

## **July Office Hours!**

Beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> thru July 27<sup>th</sup> the office will be closed Mondays. Regular hours will continue Tuesday thru Friday.

## **Yarn Club**

Yarn Club is still meeting. We meet at the church on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at noon. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday we meet at Caribou Coffee Store, 1450 25th St S in Fargo. The group is working on many personal projects, from socks, dishcloths, afghans, prayer shawls, scarves and sweaters. Some are working on items for the Friendship, Inc. booth at the Alternative Market this fall. We invite you to join us – from beginners to advanced.