

The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

October 14, 2007

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

God says: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts,

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

*HYMN #554 “Let All Things Now Living”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Hear now the prayers from deep within our hearts and souls.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Welcome...The Session of First Church invites you to join us in our Worship of God. Membership in this congregation is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We welcome membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Ron Patton, Temporary Stated Supply

Crystal Mangos, Church Secretary

Ann Keeling, Treasurer

Sharon Smith, Financial Secretary

Lovell Watson, Custodian

Session

Sandra Nuessen, Clerk of Session

Class of 2007
Teresa Beacham
John Blake
Winnie Gill
Mary Janet Douglass

Class of 2008
Nancy Bessent
Jennifer Longstaff
Jean Parrett
Bruce Schlosser

Class of 2009
Phyllis Coyle
Sandy Nuessen
Sharon Smith

Deacons

Class of 2007
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Marilyn Schlosser

Class of 2008
Allen Boyd
Elizabeth Stephen-
Cossie
Maria Coyle

Class of 2009
Pat Yingt
Gary Coyle

Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

*Response #557 v. 3 "O What Shall I Render?"

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I ne'er can repay Thee With gold or with silver
For all Thou didst suffer, Dear Savior, for me;
There's nought I can give Thee

For Thy love so boundless.

For joy I am singing, My gratitude bringing
An offering to Thee. For joy I am singing,
My gratitude bringing An offering to Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

*HYMN #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #540 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Peace be with you.

POSTLUDE

Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Ron Patton

Lector

Brad Amstein

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ron Patton

Keyboard

Amy Crouse

Ushers

Jim Miller

Trudy Miller

Our Prayers are, With...

- ♦ **Betty Barber**, who broke an arm in several places. She is recovering at home.
- ♦ **Helen Neill** (mother of Les Neill), a former member who had a serious heart attack and is recovering at home.
- ♦ **The Task Force for the Future, the Session, and the congregation**, as we move forward in planning for the future of our church.

Announcements...

- **Congregational meeting today** to vote on new vision statement. Copies of the proposed statement are at the door.
- **Crop Walk** is today starting and ending at Loose Park. Please continue to be generous by supporting a walker, or walking yourself. Ann Keeling, Corey Gill, and Nancy Bessent are the adults going.