

October 2, 2011

10:30 a.m.

(* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE THE LILY OF THE VALLEY - HAYES

*CHORAL INTROIT

CHOIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Jesus, Stand Among Us” #222 v. 1 (M)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

People: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

Leader: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

People: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God’s decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: We tremble before God, yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God’s Word.

People: May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

*OPENING HYMN “Morning Has Broken” #469

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We are tenants to whom God has leased some of the earth’s wealth. God comes among us to collect what we have produced, to claim a portion of all that is God’s own. Our Creator seeks an accounting of our faithfulness to the way of life designed for us. Let us seek forgiveness for our shortcomings.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.
(Time of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LITURGIST

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Like a father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear Him. Friends: Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri #579*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTOR SEEFELDT

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

*PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE *Be Calm My Soul* (Insert in front of Blue hymnal) v. 1

ANTHEM BREAD OF THE WORLD – ELIOT CHOIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OT READING: EXODUS 20:1-4

NT READING: MATTHEW 21:33-46

EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

SERMON: “I Consider them Rubbish, that I May Gain Christ ” Pastor Seefeldt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed, traditional, Page 14)

THE OFFERTORY AS THE DEER – BRADBURY

*DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Doxology #592

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #513

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Insert)

*CLOSING HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” #439

*CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

“Find Us Faithful”

On Screen

*POSTLUDE WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION - LOWRY

Liturgist: Joyce Bohnker

Organist: Ann Voggesser

Audio: Bob Irwin

Video: Bob Irwin

Choir Director: Kristy Zenk

Ushers: Barb Haley

Greeters: Marilyn Weatherman

Assisting in Communion today are: MaryAnn&Bill Irwin, Michele Olson, Beth Argotsinger

Announcements

The newsletter is posted on the website www.upcdenison.com. If you prefer to have the newsletter mailed, please let the church office know. There are also copies at the entrances.

Pray for those in the military: Brandon Burns, Tyler Prussing, John Torres, Derrick Franck and David Franck.

REMINDER: We encourage all members to pay their per capita of \$26.10 to the church at your earliest convenience, if you have not done so. Thank you.

THIS WEEK:

Rev. Seefeldt will be in the office and making calls Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the present time. If you need assistance, please give him a call at 263-5332 or 263-2971. If you prefer a pastoral visit, please contact the office at 263-4130.

Today, October 2nd: STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE Committee 11:30 a.m.

COFFEE 11:30 a.m.

CROP Walk at YellowSmoke 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4th: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Denison Community BLOOD DRIVE – Methodist Church 11:30am – 5:30pm

Quilters 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5th: YOUTH GROUP at Methodist Church 6:00 p.m.

CHOIR 7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP Committee 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6th: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.

EVENING CIRCLE 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Jepsen, Hostess

Saturday, October 8th: Girl Scouts 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 9th: PASTOR APPRECIATION Sunday

Monday, October 10th: Denison Community BLOOD DRIVE – Hospital 11:30am-5:30 p.m.

THANK YOU: I wish to thank Marilyn Jepsen for getting my groceries for me.

Ruth Overhue

PRAYERS FOR: Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Barb Saunders.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma, Leona Philipp, and our church family.