



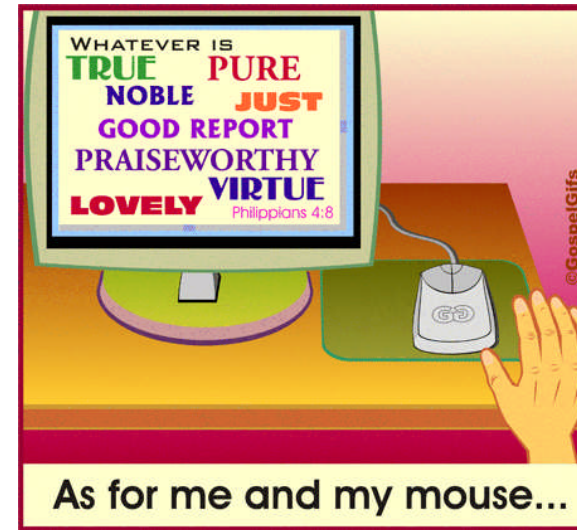
A warm welcome is extended to all.
Especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time or
who have returned after an absence. Your presence both
enriches us and this time of celebration together.

Today:

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is
any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these
things." Philippians 4:8

Scripture for 10-12-08:

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22.



*Welcome to
the
United Methodist Church*

*Your life is your message:
An invitation to celebrate and live what you believe.
Let our worship of God be reflected in lives
of hope and peace.*

Welcome to our Family Worship

the Rev. Jim Knapp

October 12, 2008

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. James 4:8

***CALL TO WORSHIP (please stand):**

L: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

P: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

L: What joy we have in God's presence!

P: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

L: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.

***PEOPLE'S PRAYER:** Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***HYMN:** "My Hope Is Built" # 404

UNISON READING: Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Excuses, Excuses"

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS AND TESTIMONIES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CARES CHORUS:

"I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime, I don't know, what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you."

(sing twice)

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY (please rise)**

***STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

READING: Philippians 4: 1-9

READING: Matthew 22: 1-14

***HYMN** "Fill MY Cup, Lord" # 398

MESSAGE: **WORDS TO LOVE BY**

Prayer of Reconciliation:

Lord, you know we are in the midst of a very confusing political season. The shouts of the partisan communities often deafen us to the needs of those around us. Help us remember that you have called us to service, to ministries of hope and healing. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the chaos that we forget your presence. Give us courage and strength to truly serve you by serving your people. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

P Jim: Beloved of the Lord, you are healed and forgiven. You are called to go forth in compassionate ministry to help others in need. Know that God always goes with you on your journeys into ministry. Be at peace. AMEN.

***HYMN** "Abide With Me" # 419

***BLESSING:** "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." ...and take this attitude out to share with all you meet. Go in peace...

People: Amen!

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (Leader's Choice)

****Please stand if able.**

