

# The Service for the Lord's Day

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 27, 2008

## GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Welcome and Announcements

### Praise Hymn # 494

**"Kum Ba Yah"**  
VS. 1,2, 4-6

SPIRITUAL

### Chiming of the Hour

### Call to Worship

Why is this day any different from all the other days of the week?

**This is the Lord's Day; let us be glad and rejoice in this day, set apart for rest and remembering and thanks-giving!**

Blessing and honor and glory and power and riches and wisdom and strength be to the Lamb who was slain! Let us worship God!

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you.

Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*Hymn # 545

**"The Church's One Foundation"**  
vs. 1,2,4,5

SAMUEL STONE

### \*Call to Confession

The spirit helps us in our weakness to see us as we are, frail creatures of dust and feeble as frail; trusting that God will work all things together for good and confident of the gospel's hope, let us confess our sins together.

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Help us, O God: We do not know how to pray as we ought, We are accustomed to hiding our faults; we secretly know them well enough to confess them to you. Forgive our dimness of vision, our dearth of compassion, our failures to remember and appreciate your wonderful works of faithfulness and mercy.**

**Make us patient in our trials, confident of your love, and joyful in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*Sung Response

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

KYRIE

Christ Have Mercy Upon Us  
Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

It doesn't matter whether you live in a mansion or on the streets...

**ANYONE**

It doesn't matter if you have a diploma or if you are a dropout...

**ANYONE**

You can be a repeat offender or a respected citizen...

**ANYONE**

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**THANKS BE TO GOD! IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!**

**Anthem**  
SIMEONE

**"Morning Has Broken"**

HARRY

## THE WORD

### First Scripture Reading

1 John 3:18-34

Marc

Sherrod Called to Serve.....in Nashville Report from Bethel's Mission Trip Jacob Murr, Orlando & Diego Vanegas, Denise Martin, Eden & Marc Sherrod, Ellen Dailey

### Second Scripture Reading

Psalms 130

Sue Lynn

Johnson

Called to Serve..... in Kingston

"Love InDeed"

### \*A Litany of Commitment

Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries.

**We hear God's call to serve others: men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

Lord, let me not be afraid to defend the weak; show me where love and hope and faith are needed.

**We hear God's call to serve others: teach us the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

Lord, look upon and visit the cities of the earth as we strive to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression.

**We hear God's call to serve others: help us to bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence; words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care.**

Lord, be with us as we are with those who are lonely, afraid, sick, anxious, or experiencing a crisis of any kind.

**We hear God's call to serve others: help us to surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife; help us to be messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

Lord, whether we go on a church mission trip and see the homeless and the poor in a new light, or whether we offer ourselves as caregivers in ministries of compassion and listening like that of Stephen's Ministry

**We hear your call to serve others: as Christ's disciples, help us to make a difference where we are, as we are able, for the common good and for the healing of the wounds of your children everywhere.**

Teach us, good Lord, to serve as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Portions of this litany have been adapted from the hymn, "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" and a Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola)

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Don Morris

### Introduction to the Offering

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.**

**The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;  
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

### Offering

Solo: Claire Clarke

### \*Offertory Response #77 "How Great Thou Art"

S.K. HINE

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great thou art, How great thou art,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great thou art, How great thou art

### THE SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn # 504

### "The Old Rugged Cross"

G. BENNARD

vs. 1&4

### \*Charge

### \*Benediction

### \*Congregational Response #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Postlude  
BEETHOVAN

*\*ALL who are able, please stand.*

## Kingston United Methodist Church

and

## Bethel Presbyterian Church

~ two communities of faith coming together,  
for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



TO OUR GUESTS, we extend a warm welcome from Kingston United Methodist and Bethel

Presbyterian Churches. We have covenanted together for 2008 to share in worship,

fellowship, study and service. We invite you to participate

(Green for Methodist – Blue for Presbyterian), adding your

please note if you would like to receive a church newsletter

the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than

prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the

offering plates and both churches will be notified of your

us. Please worship with us!



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