

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 1, 2006

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

Welcome and Announcements Moments of Friendship

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* Spiritual
Rick Spearman, Bass
(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Shriver, Liturgist

Liturgist: If it had not been the Lord on our side, —let God's people say together—

People: If it had not been the Lord on our side when our enemies attacked us,

Liturgist: the flood would have swept us away,

People: the torrent would have gone over us.

Liturgist: Blessed be the Lord. The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN No. 408** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

God of love, serving you is our perfect freedom, yet we confess our rebellion against you. You call, but we do not listen. We pull against your guidance, we walk astray from your path, we fail to return your love. In our sin we think ourselves free when we are apart from you. Look upon us with mercy, God of Love! Do not treat us according to our deserving, but according to your great compassion. Cleanse our hearts of all sin. Place within us the desire to serve you. Give us joy in fulfilling your will, that we may live fully to your glory alone, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 440)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 42)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No.** (see insert) *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR

SERMON LESSON: James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 211)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **The Power of Prayer** Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — *(In Unison)* Nicene Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 15

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Come to the Table of the Lord* Albrecht / Althouse

***PRESENTATION,** The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Partaking of the Elements

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN No. 536** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* Spiritual

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Kum Ba Yah!* Arr. Moore

***Those who are able, please stand**

MUSICAL NOTES

The Prelude, *Let Us Break Bread Together* is a gift to this congregation by Rick Spearman, whose voice is a true gift from God. We thank him for his ministry to us this morning.

The original version of this African-American spiritual consisted of the now third stanza beginning with the words “Let us praise God.” The spiritual was apparently used as a gathering song for secret religious meetings held before sunrise by slaves in Virginia. After 1676, the colony, afraid of group protests attempted escapes, forbade the use of drums and horns by the slaves as a means for gathering. The spiritual and others took the place of those drums. Sometime after the Civil War the first two stanzas were added and it became a hymn for use during Holy Communion.

The Anthem, *Come to the Table of the Lord* is an invitation to take part in the sacrament of Holy Communion. And on the day, when so many congregations, throughout the world, are sharing in this tradition, the simplicity of this anthem calls us in such a profound way, using these words:

*Come to the table where the bread is broken.
Come to the table where the word of God is spoken.
And take this bread into your life as a token.
Come to the table of the Lord.*

*Come to the table and drink this wine.
Come to the table believing in this sign.
Renew your spirit with this food divine.
Come to the table of the Lord.*

*Hungry and thirsty, we come, Lord to thee.
We humbly bow on bended knee.*

*Come to the table and dwell in God's light.
Come to the table and kneel before His sight.
Join in communion and know His holy might.
Come to the table of the Lord. Amen.*

A special thank you to Bob Crumm, for providing music during the distribution of Holy Communion. The hammered dulcimer, an instrument used around the globe, has a special place in keeping alive the wonderful traditions of American folk music. Thank you, Bob.