

First Sabbath Worship

July 7, 2007

Welcome and Announcements

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If you are a visitor, we wish you a special welcome. You are invited to enter into our worship as you are able. Please to stay after worship for dinner with us in the Activity Center. "H" indicates hymns found in the Church Hymnal. "C" indicates hymns found in Celebrate. May God's Spirit touch and renew your life today.

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Preparation

"All Glory Be to God on High"

George Lachenauer

Call to Worship

Everything God has promised gets stamped with the "Yes" of Jesus! In Him -- this is what we preach and pray -- the final great Amen can be said to the glory of God, His "Yes" and our "Yes" together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his "Yes" within us. By His Spirit He has stamped us with His eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what He is destined to complete.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (*The Message*, adapted)

* Hymn of Praise

"Amazing Grace"

No. C-177

CALL TO CONFESSION (adapted from the writings of Max Lucado)

Leader: "If we confess our sins..." The biggest word in Scriptures just might be that two letter one, *if*. For confessing sins—admitting failure—is exactly what prisoners of pride refuse to do.

All: No one is happier than the one who has sincerely repented of wrong. Repentance is the decision to turn from selfish desires and seek God. It is a genuine, sincere regret that creates sorrow and moves us to admit wrong and desire to do better. It's an inward conviction that expresses itself in outward actions.

L: You look at the love of God and you can't believe He's loved you like He has, and this realization motivates you to change your life. That is the nature of repentance.

A: When you get to the point of sorrow for your sins, when you admit that you have no other option, . . . then [you] cast all your cares on Him for He is waiting.

SILENCE for personal reflection and confession

ASSURANCE

L: You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.

Congregational Response

"Bless the Lord"

No. C-10

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Story		Kristi Horn
Scripture	James 3:3-8	
Meditation Hymn	"My Lord and I"	No. H-456
Sermon	"Five Ways to Fight Forest Fires"	Kristi Horn
* Hymn of Response	"Jesus is All the World to Me"	No. H-185

OUR RESPONSE

Family Prayers		Norman Moll
Giving of Tithes and Offerings		Combined Budget
Offertory	"All Praise and Thanks to God Most High"	<i>Johann Krebs</i>
Prayer of Dedication		

Admonition: Adapted from 2 Peter 1:3-8 (*The Message*)

L: Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.

A: The best invitation we ever received!

L: We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God, [to participate in His divine nature], after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

A: So let's not lose a minute in building on what we've been given,

faith **complementing our basic**
with good character,
spiritual understanding,
alert discipline,
passionate patience,
reverent wonder,
warm friendliness,
and generous love,

each dimension fitting into and developing the others.

L: With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no day will pass without its reward, every day will be productive for eternity, as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.

* Hymn of Commitment	"My Hope is Built"	No. H- 522
Benediction	Jude 24, 25 (<i>Jerusalem Bible</i>)	Norman Moll
Postlude	"Hymn to Joy" (#12)	<i>Albert Travi</i>