

**The Order of Celebration
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2009**

Prelude

Procession of the Light

Introit

"The Lord's Day" (vs. 1 and 3)

Insert 65

Word of Welcome

***Passing the Peace**

Announcements and Celebrations

***Call to Worship**

Barbara Medland

One: We gather today to celebrate our history and heritage.

Many: Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness at First United Methodist Church.

One: We are grateful for your grace in calling us to be your people, your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation.

Many: We are thankful for those who established this congregation, their vision, their gifts, and abilities.

One: We are thankful for all those who have been members of this congregation, who have given freely of their time and resources, whose wisdom has guided our community.

Many: We are thankful for those who have preached and taught here; who have confessed that Jesus is Lord; who today lead in worship, witness and mission.

All: May we continue to bear good fruit. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH 133

Psalm Reading

Psalm 67

Barbara Medland

Prayer Invitation

"Sanctuary" (2 times Through)

TFWS 2164

Silent Prayer

Offering up our Prayers

(Congregational response "**Hear our prayers, O God**")

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Sharing of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH 71

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

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

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

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation**

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (vs. 1, 2, and 5) Insert 148

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40

Barbara Medland

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"The Gracious God Whose Mercy Lends"

Message

"Living our Faith"

Historical Readings

"High on the Mountain Here with Thee"

Insert 131

***Hymn of Response**

"The Church's One Foundation"

UMH 545

***Benediction**

"Shalom to You"

UMH 666

Postlude

*Congregation please stand

"TFWS" refers to The Faith We Sing song book

Mark Calhoun, Pastor; Patty Ferdinand, Pianist

Barbara Medland, Liturgist

Greeters, Ushers, and Fellowship Hosts ~ East Lake Shore Koinonia Group

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Announcements:

Wednesday Noon Reflections: Please consider joining us each Wednesday at noon for an hour of prayer, scripture, and communion.

October Newsletter: The deadline for the October Newsletter will be September 25th. Please email your articles to Julie at jcalhoun@polsonumc.org or drop them by the church office.

Upcoming meetings: The Administrative Council will meet today at 12:30 in the Adult Sunday School room.

Country Store: The appreciation luncheon and style show for the Country Store volunteers will be on September 24th, at 11:30 am, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All ladies in our church are welcome. For questions or to RSVP call Faye @ 883-4764.

Pounding: This week and next, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and school supplies. We invite you to bring a pound of each in celebration of 100 years of mission and ministry.

Next Week: Bishop Stanovsky ~ Selections from Hebrews 11 and 12
Greeters, Ushers, and Fellowship Hosts ~ Hill Top Koinonia Group

We welcome all our guests. We would appreciate it if you signed our guest register located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for visiting!

Leadership Team

Elaine Stanovsky, Bishop	Su DeBree, District Superintendent
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Peggy Milner, Lay Leader	Donna McCammon, Member to Annual Conf.
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Today's Scripture

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
~ Matthew 25:40 ~

Today's Message

"Living Our Faith"
Matthew 25:31-40
Rev. Mark Calhoun

Our Worship Through Singing

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
"High on the Mountain Here with Thee"
"The Church's One Foundation"

Special Music

"The Gracious God Whose Mercy Lends"

Sunday ~ September 20, 2009