

September 16, 2007
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ Sixth Anniversary of 9/11

Meditation

"I've decided that I'm going to do battle for my philosophy. You ought to believe something in life, believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it till the end of your days. I can't make myself believe that God wants me to hate. I'm tired of violence. And I'm not going to let my oppressor dictate to me what method I use. We have a power, power that can't be found in Molotov cocktails, but we do have a power. Power that cannot be found in bullets and guns, but we have a power. It is a power as old as the insights of Jesus of Nazareth and as modern as the techniques of Mahatma Gandhi." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering in the Spirit to Worship the Living God

GATHERING and WELCOME

PRELUDE "Teach Me How to Pray" James Southbridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you lost ones of the world.
Come and rest in the arms of God.
Come, all who are lonely and forgotten.
Come and rest in the arms of God's love.
Come, all who seek the Shepherd of Love.
We come, we come now, we come today in worship.

Merciful God, we come like sheep to the shepherd---some of us following awkwardly and meekly, some of us following bravely, some of us wandering alone and questioning. Gather us in. Make us one with you and one with each other, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*SINGING "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

CONFESSING WHO WE ARE adapted from John Killinger

O God of light and shadow, we confess to you the shadowy side of our makeup. Out thoughts are often self-absorbed when they should be joyously open. Out judgments of others are often grudging when they should be generous. Our sharing of self is often minor when it should be major. Out time of practicing your presence is often splintered when it should be whole. There are a lot of

**All who are able, please stand.*

'shoulds' and we are in need of your grace. Forgive us for the darkness of our ways. Let the Light of the World shine in our hearts. For in your kingdom there is no dimness of spirit or shadow of distraction.

SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE

God has sent the divine Son to dispel our darkness.
In him there is light and life for all people.
God forgives our sin if we earnestly repent.
God restores us to the light, that we may walk uprightly.
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Listening for Good News

ANTHEM

EPISTLE LESSON 1Timothy 1:12-17

RECEIVING PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING SONG "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" FWS No. 2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

*SINGING "Prince of Peace, Heal Our Nation" insert

MESSAGE: "Finding What Is Lost"

OFFERTORY "Little Trio" Richard Blake

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*SINGING "Amazing Grace" No. 378 verses 1,2,3,4 and 6

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Be Joyful in the Lord" Marc Jordan

Liturgist: Doris Parry

Please join our *Meet and Greet* time in Fellowship Hall following Worship Service!

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