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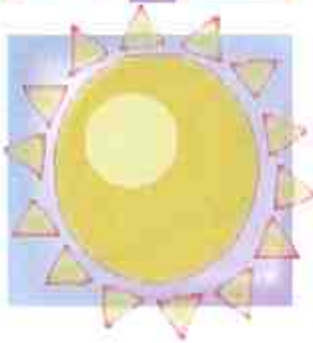
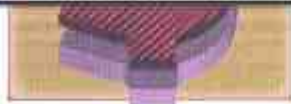
But strive first for the Kingdom



of God and his righteousness, and

all these things shall be added to you.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Sun. Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Sun. Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

Thurs. Worship 7 PM in the Viroqua Chapel

Pastor Ethan Larson

Organists: Joyce Funk (Liberty Pole), Kathy Hanson & Barb Casper (Viroqua)

Choir Director (Viroqua): Lynn Whitney

May 25, 2008

Memorial Sunday

***Please stand if you are able**

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from God,
who alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

"For Renewal of the Church"

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross. Amen. (South Africa, 20th century)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 110

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal No. 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal No. 895

PRESENTATION BY THE GIDEONS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:8-16* (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *II Peter 3:13-18* (insert)

***HYMN** "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

SERMON "God Has a Promise For All His Children" Pastor Ethan

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" No. 521

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS. Gary & Janet Thompson John Eumurian & Jerry Schroeder

ACOLYTES volunteer volunteer

LITURGISTS. Ramona Thompson Janet Welch

GREETERS. John Eumurian & Jerry Schroeder

Last Sunday's attendance: 44 74

Last Sunday's offerings: \$733 \$964

THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored by Lowell and Carol Hubbard in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are given in honor of Alex Hornby's graduation, by his family.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are sponsored by Donna Buchanan in memory of her grandparents, A.J. and Helen Hornby.

CALENDAR

Mon.		Memorial Day — church office closed
Thurs.	4:30 PM	prayer service at Viroqua
Thurs.	7 PM	casual worship in the Viroqua chapel
next Sun.		Terrah Overbo will speak at both services about her mission work in Peru

On Monday, May 26, the Dell United Methodist Church will be hosting a **Memorial Day dinner** from 11AM to 2PM. The menu includes ham, salad, beans, and desserts. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Dell UMC is located at Hwy. P and Bloomingdale Rd.

Viroqua Elementary School is holding a pre-kindergarten parent meeting for the 2008-9 school year, in the cafetorium on Monday, June 2, at 7PM. Please bring along your child's birth certificate; the child's birth date should fall between September 2, 2003, and September 1, 2004.

Viroqua Church: With the choir on summer break, we will be looking for **special music** each Sunday. If you would like to provide some special music, please sign up today! The summer music sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Isaiah 49:8-16

⁸ This is what the LORD says:

"In the time of my favor I will answer you,
and in the day of salvation I will help you;
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people,
to restore the land
and to reassign its desolate inheritances,
⁹ to say to the captives, 'Come out,'
and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'

"They will feed beside the roads
and find pasture on every barren hill.

¹⁰ They will neither hunger nor thirst,
nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them.
He who has compassion on them will guide them
and lead them beside springs of water.

¹¹ I will turn all my mountains into roads,
and my highways will be raised up.

¹² See, they will come from afar—
some from the north, some from the west,
some from the region of Aswan."

¹³ Shout for joy, O heavens;
rejoice, O earth;
burst into song, O mountains!
For the LORD comforts his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵ "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!

¹⁶ See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.

II Peter 3:13-18

¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.