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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

Wed. Worship/Bible study 7PM in the Viroqua Chapel

October 26, 2008

Kingdomtide

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE *a time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation*

WELCOMING WORDS (please sign the attendance sheets)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *Psalm 90:13-17*

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;
yes, establish the work of our hands.

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison) "For True Singing" Hymnal No. 69

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Alleluia, Alleluia" No. 162

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) the Apostles' Creed Hymnal No. 881

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - VIR.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Hymnal No. 895

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 34:1-12* (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *Matthew 22:34-46 and Hebrews 3:1-6* (insert)

***HYMN** "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" No. 166

SERMON "Power and Authority" 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** "He Is Lord" No. 177

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

Hymnal No. 898

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS Signe & Gary Thompson Betty Ross & Pat Matz

ACOLYTES volunteer volunteer

LITURGISTS Ramona Thompson. Chuck Stelzner

GREETERS Shirley Hanson

Last Sunday's attendance: 45

58

Last Sunday's offering: \$641

\$1431

Pastor Ethan Larson

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THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is given in memory of Don Farrington — husband of Dolores Hornby Farrington and father of Donna Buchanan — who passed away on October 21.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Wayne and Barb Robson in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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

THE VIROQUA ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Ramona Abbey.

CALENDAR

Wed.	6 PM	choir practice at Viroqua
Wed.	7 PM	casual worship & Bible study in the chapel
Thurs.	4:30 PM	prayer service at Viroqua
Thurs.	6 PM	joint Worship Committee meeting at Viroqua
next Sun.		communion
next Sun.		All Saints Sunday
next Sun.	7 PM	membership class at Viroqua

Thanksgiving is coming! As part of our church's Thanksgiving celebration this year, we are collecting **non-perishable food for the food pantry** during the first four Sundays of November. Please bring your donations with you to church and put them in the food pantry shopping cart. Monetary donations are also welcome; any checks should be made out to the church; please put monetary donations in a clearly-marked envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate.

Viroqua Church: Your third quarter **offering statements** are ready for you to pick up. They are on the table in the narthex.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,

² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

⁴ Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."

⁵ And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said.

⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

¹¹ who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.

¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ " 'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet." ' "

⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.

⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.