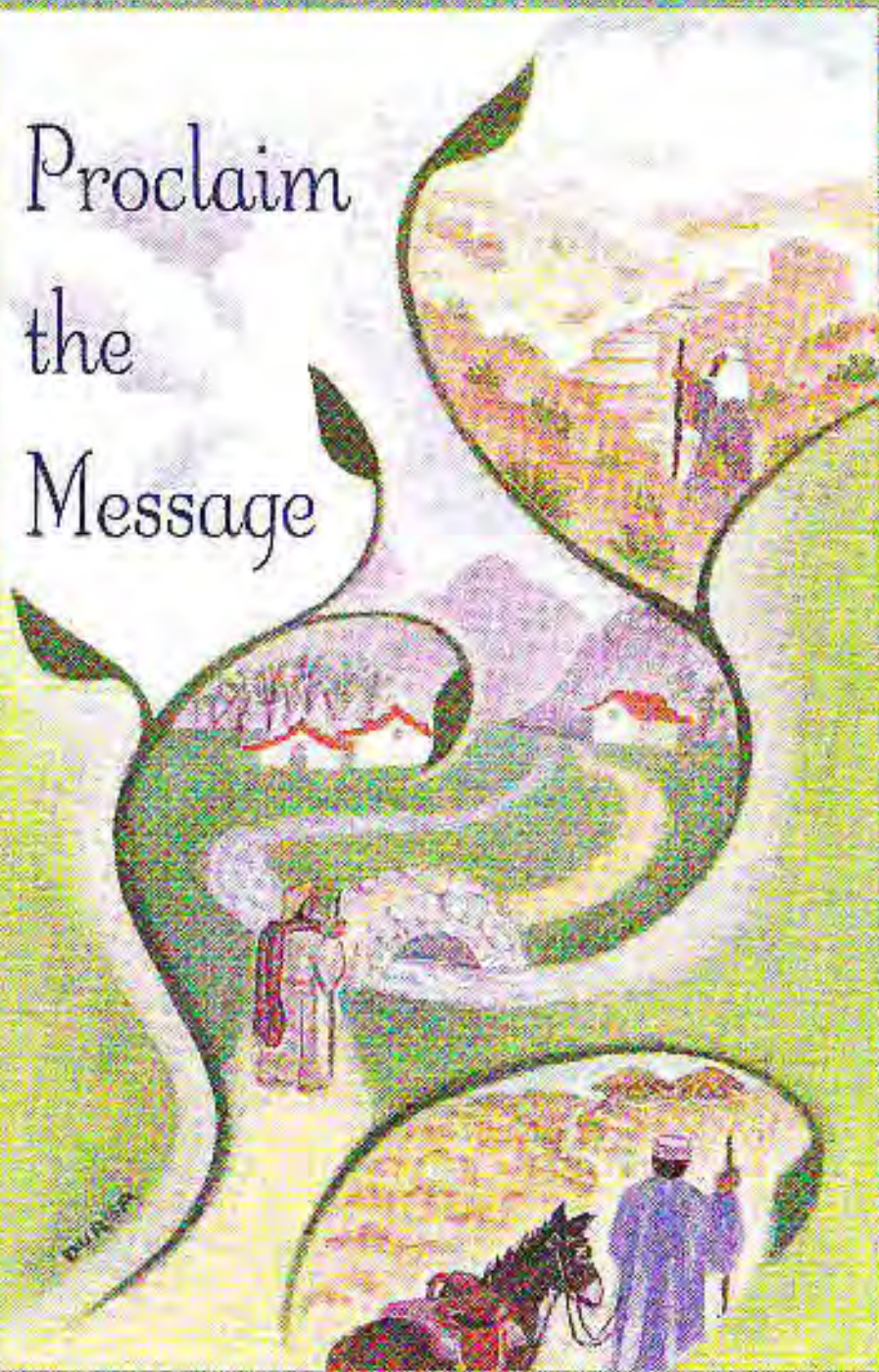


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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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

February 8, 2009

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - VIR.

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 147:1-6*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

The Lord determines the number of the stars, and gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, but casts the wicked to the ground.

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Hymnal No. 895

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE - VIR.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

(insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

CHOIR ANTHEM - VIR.

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Holstein/Temple

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:29-39

(insert)

***HYMN**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

No. 155

SERMON

"Do You Not Know? Have You Not Heard?"

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**

"We Believe in One True God"

No. 85

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

Hymnal No. 898

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS Amy & Shana Hardy Chuck & Kathie Stelzner

ACOLYTES volunteer Mallory Hanson

LITURGISTS Bryce Funk Layne Hanson

GREETERS Chuck & Kathie Stelzner

Last Sunday's attendance: 45

68

Last Sunday's offering: \$962

\$2643.72

Pastor Ethan Larson

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

Choir Director (Viroqua): Lynn Whitney

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THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is given in memory of Joanne Swenson, whose birthday would have been today, by her family.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Odean Robson, in memory of Charlotte, who passed away seven years ago on February 9.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are sponsored by Pat Matz, in memory of her daughter Marian.

THE VIROQUA ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Mae O'Connor in honor of her great-granddaughter Lexy's third birthday on February 9.

CALENDAR

- today 11:30AM **Viroqua Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet briefly in the lounge**
- Tues. 4 PM **Viroqua Care & Nurture Committee meeting**
- Tues. 6:30 PM **Viroqua Trustees Committee meeting**
- Wed. 1:30 PM **Viroqua UMW general meeting — Prayer & Self-denial**
- Wed. 5:30 PM **Liberty Pole UMW meeting**
- Wed. 6 PM **choir practice at Viroqua**
- Wed. 6:30 PM **informational & planning meeting for youth & parents, in the Viroqua Church fellowship hall — food provided**
- Thurs. 1:15 PM **prayer meeting at Viroqua**
- next Sun. **Bibles presented to 3rd graders during worship**
- next Sun. 2 PM **Liberty Pole Long-Range Planning Committee meets at Barb Robson's home**
- next Sun. 3-5 PM **youth group prepares meal for Fortney Hotel**
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A Basic Lay Speakers Course will be offered at the Viroqua Church on Saturday, February 21 and Saturday, February 28, from 8:45AM to 2:30PM. The course will be taught by Pastors Ethan Larson, Laverne Larson, and Bill Busch. A fee of \$27 will cover the cost of books and noon lunches. Registration forms are available in the church office — please register as soon as possible!

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Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ "To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and complain, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her.

³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

³³ The whole town gathered at the door,

³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him,

³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.