

LIBERTY POLE & VIROQUA UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

August 23, 2009

Kingdomtide

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS (responsively) Psalm 82:1-4
God is seated in the divine council; and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:
"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

OPENING PRAYER (unison) "For Holiness of Heart" Hymnal No. 401

HYMN OF PRAISE "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" No. 75

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal No. 881

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively) Hymnal No. 890

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 19:1-6 NIV

1 In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. 2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you [a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Footnotes:

1. Exodus 19:6 Or possession, for the whole earth is mine. 6 You

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SPECIAL MUSIC

L.P. UMC The Metz Family Singers
Viroqua UMC The Gernander Sisters

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:34-42

34"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to turn

"a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'[a]

37"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

40"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. 41Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. 42And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Footnotes:

1. Matthew 10:36 Micah 7:6

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HYMN

"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

No. 333

SERMON

"Dying to Self to Live for Christ"

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

"Trust and Obey"

No. 467

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN (unison)

Hymnal No. 898

POSTLUDE

LIBERTY POLE

- Ushers/Greeters - Alex & Chase Hornby
- Liturgist – Barb Robson
- Last Sunday's Attendance: 36
- Last Sunday's Offering: \$642

VIROQUA

- Ushers/Greeters - Betty Ross and Miny Hirschfield
- Liturgist - Cavan Fang
- Last Sunday's Attendance: 49
- Last Sunday's Offering: \$960

THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST has no sponsor today. Almost all of the Sundays until the end of the year are available for sponsorship. The sign-up sheet is in the church office.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Barb & Wayne Robson.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are given in memory of Tom Burns by his family.

CALENDAR

- Thursday 1:15 P.M. Prayer meeting at Viroqua
- Next Sunday 10:30 A.M. joint worship at Eckhart Park

The Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic

- Sunday, August 30, at the Eckhart Park large shelter (or at the Viroqua UMC in case of rain).
- Joint worship service will start at 10:30 A.M .
- Musical message led by the J.A.R. Trio of Viola.
- Potluck picnic will start right after worship.
- Bring your tableware and a lawn chair if you have one.
- Please call Cavan at 637-7697 or contact the church if you have any questions.

It's time to get ready for Sunday School

- Viroqua UMC Sunday School for children will begin on September 13, at 9:30A.M.
- LP UMC Sunday School for children will begin on September 27 at 10:15 A.M.
- Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Register for Emergency Response Team Training in Boscobel on August 28

In the last few years, flooding, tornadoes, landslides, and hail have hit Southwest Wisconsin many times. Only certified Emergency Response Team members are allowed to help start the first phase of the cleanup process.

Those interested in becoming certified are invited to attend Emergency Response Team Training at Boscobel UMC, 104 Buchanan St., Boscobel, Wis., on Friday, August 28th from 7 P.M.–9 P.M and Saturday, August 29th from 8 A.M until noon. The cost for the class is \$20. Registration is due Wednesday, August 26th.

Certified ERT members must be 18 or older, and pass a background check. This class is the ticket to working with a team of committed people who will seek to bring order to those whose lives have been touched by a disaster. To register or get more information for this class, contact Pastor Karl Goodfellow at snprayer@tds.net or 608-778-9989.

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