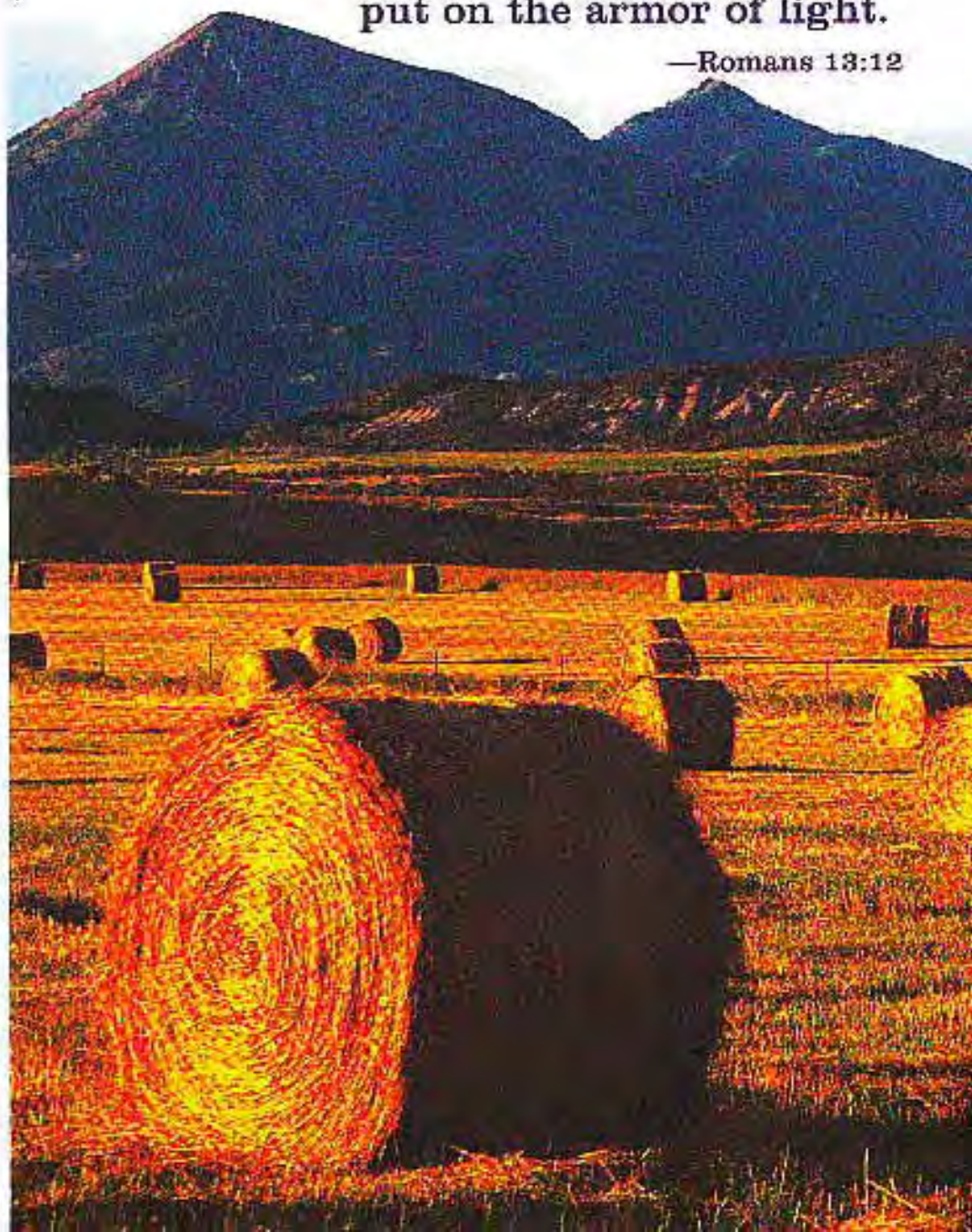


*T*he night is far gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside
the works of darkness and
put on the armor of light.

—Romans 13:12



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

September 20, 2009

Kingdomtide

*Please stand if you are able

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - VIR.

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 1:1-3*

Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water

that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) "Bread and Justice" Hymnal No. 639

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from 1 Timothy* Hymnal No. 889

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE - VIR.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Proverbs 30:10-31* (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

CHOIR ANTHEM - VIR. "Only a Whisper Away" Vernon/Price

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *James 3:13 - 4:10* (insert)

***HYMN** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 361

SERMON "The Proud and the Humble" 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** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN** (unison) Hymnal No. 898

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS Stacy & Jeff Matson Aaron & Angie Hanson
GREETERS Shirley Gilman
ACOLYTES volunteer Mitchell Hanson
LITURGISTS Ramona Thompson Chuck Stelzner

Last Sunday's attendance: 36 72
Last Sunday's offering: \$707 \$2196.75

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THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored by Joyce Funk and family in honor of Fred's 79th birthday on September 24.

(Almost all of the Sundays until the end of the year are still available for radio sponsorship. The sign-up sheet is in the church office; you can call the church office at 637-3551.)

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Bill and Sandy Marohl in honor of all the rescue workers on 9/11/2001.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are sponsored by Māris and Phyllis Kalniņš in honor of their grandsons' birthdays: Jack Māris Cannon is turning 4, and Earl H. Starnes, V, is turning 7.

CALENDAR

today		Liberty Pole serves evening meal at the Fortney Hotel
Mon.	4 PM	Viroqua Missions Committee meeting
Tues.	5:30 PM	Viroqua Care & Nurture Committee meeting
Wed.		newsletter deadline
Wed.	6:30 PM	first confirmation class of the year, at Viroqua (for both youth and parents)
Thurs.	1:15 PM	prayer meeting at Viroqua
Thurs.	6 PM	joint Worship Committee meeting at Viroqua
Thurs.	7:30 PM	joint SPRC meeting at Viroqua
next Sun.	9 AM	Joanne Hornby's adult Sunday School begins at Viroqua
next Sun.	10:15AM	children's Sunday School begins at Liberty Pole

The annual **Viroqua Walk for the Hungry**, sponsored by the Viroqua Ministerial Association, will be held on Sunday, October 11, beginning at 1PM. This 4-mile walk starts and ends at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Congress Ave. Our United Methodist Church team is forming now — please contact the church office if you would like to be on the team.

Viroqua Church: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex.

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Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Exodus 12:1-14;
Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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Proverbs 30:10-31

¹⁰ "Do not slander a servant to his master,
or he will curse you, and you will pay for it.

¹¹ "There are those who curse their fathers
and do not bless their mothers;

¹² those who are pure in their own eyes
and yet are not cleansed of their filth;

¹³ those whose eyes are ever so haughty,
whose glances are so disdainful;

¹⁴ those whose teeth are swords
and whose jaws are set with knives
to devour the poor from the earth,
the needy from among mankind.

¹⁵ "The leech has two daughters.
'Give! Give!' they cry.

"There are three things that are never satisfied,
four that never say, 'Enough!':

¹⁶ the grave, the barren womb,
land, which is never satisfied with water,
and fire, which never says, 'Enough!'

¹⁷ "The eye that mocks a father,
that scorns obedience to a mother,
will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley,
will be eaten by the vultures.

¹⁸ "There are three things that are too amazing for me,
four that I do not understand:

¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on a rock,
the way of a ship on the high seas,
and the way of a man with a maiden.

²⁰ "This is the way of an adulteress:
She eats and wipes her mouth
and says, 'I've done nothing wrong.'

²¹ "Under three things the earth trembles,
under four it cannot bear up:

²² a servant who becomes king,
a fool who is full of food,

²³ an unloved woman who is married,
and a maidservant who displaces her mistress.

²⁴ "Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:

²⁵ Ants are creatures of little strength,
yet they store up their food in the summer;

²⁶ coney are creatures of little power,
yet they make their home in the crags;

²⁷ locusts have no king,
yet they advance together in ranks;
²⁸ a lizard can be caught with the hand,
yet it is found in kings' palaces.

²⁹ "There are three things that are stately in their stride,
four that move with stately bearing:
³⁰ a lion, mighty among beasts,
who retreats before nothing;
³¹ a strutting rooster, a he-goat,
and a king with his army around him."

James 3:13 – 4:10

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

¹ What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

² You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.