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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

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April 25, 2010

4th Sunday of Easter

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\*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 24: 1-5*

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

**the world and those who dwell therein;**

for God has founded it upon the seas,

**and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

**And who shall stand in God's holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord

**and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) "Freedom in Christ"

Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidence of your goodness; and may I, trusting in you, free myself of the terror of death, and feel free to live intensely and happily the life you have given me. Amen

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 62

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed No. 881

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

MISSIONS MOMENT *Native American Sunday*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) No. 895

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*John 10: 24-39*

Insert

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

FAITH STORY - VIROQUA

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Revelation 7: 9-17*

Insert

\*HYMN

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

No. 325

SERMON

"Does The Evidence Matter?"

Pastor Ethan Larson

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

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

No. 158

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN (unison)

No. 898

\*POSTLUDE

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS ..... Eric & Deb Deaver..... Paul & Sonja Bjerkos

GREETER..... John Eumurian

ACOLYTE..... Mitchell Hanson

LITURGISTS ..... Chuck Metz ..... Phyllis Kalnins

NURSERY ATTENDANT ..... Elizabeth Hanson

Last Sunday's attendance: 67 80

Last Sunday's offering: \$911.50

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Pastor Ethan Larson

Organists: Joyce Funk & Holly Slack (Liberty Pole)

Kathy Hanson & Barb Casper (Viroqua)

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**THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored by Sid Johnson in memory of Fran, whose birthday was April 25.

**THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS** are sponsored today by Carter and Ramona Thompson in honor of Pauline Slack's birthday.

**THE VIROQUA BULLETINS** are sponsored today by David Petersen with thanks to everyone who participated in last Saturday's Gospel concert.

CALENDAR		
TODAY	2PM	Bell Choir Concert - Viroqua
WEDS	1PM	Prayer Group - Viroqua
	4PM	Confirmation
	6Pm	Choir practice

*The Viroqua Community Bell Choir Concert this afternoon will feature Doug Weidenbach playing bagpipes and the J.A.R Women's Trio. Refreshments following.*

## John 10:24-39 (New International Version)

<sup>24</sup>The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, <sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all <sup>[b]</sup>; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

<sup>31</sup>Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup>but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

<sup>33</sup>"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods' <sup>[c]</sup>? <sup>35</sup>If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken— <sup>36</sup>what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? <sup>37</sup>Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. <sup>38</sup>But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." <sup>39</sup>Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

### Footnotes:

- a. [John 10:24](#) Or Messiah
- b. [John 10:29](#) Many early manuscripts What my Father has given me is greater than all
- c. [John 10:34](#) Psalm 82:6

### **New International Version (NIV)**

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# Revelation 7:9-17 (New International Version)

## The Great Multitude in White Robes

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!"

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

<sup>14</sup>I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
he will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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