



or who hopes
for what is seen?

But if we
hope for what we
do not see, we wait
for it with patience.

—Romans 8:24b-25



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

May 16, 2010

Ascension Sunday

*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 97:1-5*

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Fire goes before the Lord, and burns up his adversaries round about.

The Lord's lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) *"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"*

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" No. 79

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed No. 880

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS
ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) No. 895
CHORAL RESPONSE

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 17:20-26</i>	Insert
SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.		
CHORAL ANTHEM - VIROQUA	"Because He Lives"	<i>Gaither</i>
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Revelation 22:8-21</i>	Insert
*HYMN	"Nearer, My God, To Thee"	No. 528
SERMON	"Hard Words From Scripture"	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	"For All The Saints"	No. 711
*BENEDICTION		
*THREEFOLD AMEN (unison)		No. 898
*POSTLUDE		

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS	Val Lind & Nick Thompson,	Bill & Ann Carlow
GREETERGloria Freilinger
ACOLYTE
LITURGISTSBarb Robson,Cavan Fang
NURSERY ATTENDANTKathy Hanson
Last Sunday's attendance:	80	79
Last Sunday's offering:	\$795	\$1581

Pastor Ethan Larson

Organists: Holly Slack (Liberty Pole) Kathy Hanson & Barb Casper (Viroqua)

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

CALENDAR		
Today	10AM	Sundae Sunday - Viroqua
MON	4PM	Missions Committee
	6:30PM	History Committee
	7:00PM	Small Group Study
TUES	6PM	Ignite Meeting
	7PM	Viroqua Ad. Council
WEDS	1:15PM	Prayer Meeting
FRI		Newsletter Deadline

John 17: 20-26

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Revelation 22: 8-21

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." ¹²

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³ I

am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.