

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

August 8, 2010

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

***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 48: 1-3*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God;
whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great Ruler.

Within its citadels God has proven a sure defense.

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

Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidences 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** "Come, Thou Almighty King " No. 61

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed No. 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) No. 895

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 1: 10-20* Insert

SPECIAL MUSIC - LP

VIROQUA

***HYMN** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" No. 359

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 12: 25-40* Insert

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING *II Corinthians 3:7-18* Insert

SERMON "Living In The Material World" 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**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" No. 365

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS Myron & Deb Hornby. Trygve & Erma Overbo

GREETER Phyllis Kalnins

LITURGISTS Tamie Thompson Cavan Fang

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Last Sunday's attendance: Total at Joint Worship 147

Last Sunday's offering: \$3251.94

Pastor Ethan Larson

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

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CALENDAR		
TUES	1PM	Care & Nurture Committee - Viroqua
	6:30PM	Trustees Meeting - Viroqua
WEDS	1:15PM	Prayer Meeting - Viroqua
Next Sun	5PM	Viroqua serves meal at the Fortney Hotel

There are openings available for sponsorship of both the WVRQ Radio Broadcast and worship bulletins. Please contact the office for further information.

Isaiah 1:10-20 (New International Version)

- ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the law of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
- ¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
- ¹² When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
- ¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your evil assemblies.
- ¹⁴ Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts
my soul hates.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
- ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even if you offer many prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are full of blood;
- ¹⁶ wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds
out of my sight!
Stop doing wrong,

- 17 learn to do right!
Seek justice,
encourage the oppressed. [a]
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.
- 18 "Come now, let us reason together,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
- 19 If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the best from the land;
- 20 but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword."
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 1:17](#) Or / *rebuke the oppressor*

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Luke 12:25-40 (New International Version)

²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life^[a]? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchfulness

³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will

come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Footnotes:

- a. [Luke 12:25](#) Or single cubit to his height

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2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (New International Version)

The Glory of the New Covenant

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect^[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Footnotes:

- a. [2 Corinthians 3:18](#) Or contemplate

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