

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 15, 2010

Twelfth 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 80: 14-15 & 18-19*

Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see:

have regard for this vine, the stock which your right hand planted.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine that we may be saved!

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison) *“Prayer for a New Heart”*

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who *art*: Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Worship The King” No. 73

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) No. 895

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 12: 49-56* Insert

SPECIAL MUSIC - LP

VIR. 3 Eumurians Trio: *I Stand Amazed In The Presence 3v* No. 371

Please join in the singing of this song.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Hebrews 11: 29-12:2* Insert

***HYMN** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” No. 363

SERMON “The Problems Of Being A Christian” 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** “For All The Saints” No. 711

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS Barb & Wayne Robson. Linda & Melissa Weinau

GREETER Angie Hanson

LITURGISTS Tamie Thompson Cavan Fang

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Last Sunday's attendance: 39 57

Last Sunday's offering: \$676 \$2349

Pastor Ethan Larson

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

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THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS are sponsored today by Beverley Bankes in memory of her husband, Conrad Bankes.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS are sponsored today by Maris and Phyllis Kalnins in memory of their parents.

CALENDAR		
MON	1PM	Finance Committee - Viroqua
	4PM	Missions Committee - Viroqua
TUES	7PM	Administrative Council - Viroqua
WEDS	1:15PM	Prayer Meeting - Viroqua
FRI		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Next Sun		Guest Speaker – Tom Tarver (Both churches)

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

Bethel Home has two announcements they would like to share:

Daycare Closeout Sale at Bethel Village, 904 Wall St, Cashton, Friday August 20 from 8AM-4PM. Strollers, highchairs, cribs, changing table, toys, books and much more.

Cowboy Breakfast at the Community Arena Sunday August 22 from 7AM-11AM. Please note reduction to \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, free for under 5. Proceeds will go to refurbishing the worship and fellowship room at Bethel Home.

Luke 12:49-56 (New International Version)

Not Peace but Division

⁴⁹"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Times

⁵⁴He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

New International Version (NIV)

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Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (New International Version)

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea^[a] as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

³¹By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.^[b]

³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets,³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison.³⁷ They were stoned^[c]; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 12

God Disciplines His Sons

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Footnotes:

- a. [Hebrews 11:29](#) That is, Sea of Reeds
- b. [Hebrews 11:31](#) Or unbelieving
- c. [Hebrews 11:37](#) Some early manuscripts stoned; they were put to the test;

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