

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,  
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the Body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of Christ Church by our prayers,  
our presence, our gifts and our service,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN OF SENDING

(UMH) No. 384 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

\*BENEDICTION

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the  
captives, gives sight to the blind, and set the oppressed free.

And so shall we.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major WTK II, BWV 884

J. S. Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us.

**Ministers:** The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church

**Pastors:** Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder, Nancy Wheeler Handlon

**Children and Family Ministries Coordinator:** Jenny Gunter

**Director of Music/Organist:** Richard D. Owen

**Coordinator of Handbell Choirs:** Deedee Odell

**Parish Nurses:** Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth

**Children's worship bags and bulletins** are in the narthex.

**Nursery care** for under age three is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hall.

**KinderWorship** for ages 3-Kindergarten is in Rooms 133 and 134 in the upper east hall.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Roger and Janet Hagen in honor of our great family  
and 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520AM. Please  
use the chart in the Commons by the Sanctuary doors to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in  
the church office.



Worship Hours:

8:00am – Worship and Communion in the Chapel

9:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15am – Emergent Worship in the Education  
Conference Center

Wednesday Worship Celebration – Every Wednesday at  
6:00 pm in the Education Conference Center

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To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches  
An inclusive church where all are welcome!

May 3, 2009

Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

Wayne Oquin

GREETING

Pastor Amanda Larsen

\*THE HYMN OF GATHERING

(UMH) No. 702 – Sing with All the Saints in Glory

HYMN TO JOY

\*OPENING PRAYER – A COMPANION LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED

God, in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

To be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love  
for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and  
wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and  
difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing  
disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**And so shall we.**

**Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and set the oppressed free.**

**And so shall we.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2043 – Alleluia

*CELTIC ALLELUIA*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SOCIAL CREED

PASTOR NANCY WHEELER HANDLON

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

W. A. Mozart/ arr. Patrick Liebergen  
Joyful Songs We Sing in Celebration  
**Senior Adult Choir**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*UMH No. 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Samuel 17:31-37 Pastor Michael Wuehler  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 18:1-4 Pastor Michael Wuehler  
GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY "A Faith That Fits " **Pastor Dave Lieder**

**CONFIRMING AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

**As people of faith, empowered by God's Spirit,  
we will not lead unlived lives;  
we will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.  
We choose to risk being significant;  
to live so that that which comes to us as seed  
goes to the next as blossom,  
and that which comes to us as blossom, goes on as fruit.**

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Calendar of Events  
May 3 – May 10**

**Sunday, May 3**

Confirmation Sunday

- 7:45am-12:15 Childcare, birth to 18 months-Room 135  
7:45-12:15 Childcare, 18 months to 36 months-Room 137  
**9:00 Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study-Adult Library  
9:00 KinderWorship--Room 133  
10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room  
10:15 Age 3 – Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133  
10:15 Rotational Sunday school – Designated Rooms  
10:15 Mid-High Sunday school - Room 38  
10:15 Sr High Sunday school - Youth Room  
10:15 Contemporary Issues - Room 146  
10:15 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II  
10:15 Reading the Psalms – Mettam  
10:15 Sharing Our Faith – Adult Library  
10:15 Voluntary Simplicity – Hamline I  
**11:15 Emergent Worship – ECC**  
6:30 ASP Leaders Meeting – Youth Room

**Monday, May 4**

- 4:30 pm Parish Nurse Event – Hamline  
5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Team – Youth Room  
7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall  
7:00 Sr. High Youth Group – Room 38  
7:00 Young Adult Ministries – Whistle Binkies North

**Tuesday, May 5**

- 8:00 am Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
5:00 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library  
7:00 Communications – Office Fireside

7:00 Community Bible Study – Church-wide

**Wednesday, May 6**

- 1:00 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
7:00 Adult Bible Study – Fireside  
7:30 Exercise Class – Wesley Hall

**Thursday, May 7**

- 7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 145  
8:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
8:30 UMW Executive Committee – Room 146  
- 10:00 UMW Service of Remembrance - Chapel  
4:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Review Team– Mettam  
6:30 NAMI Presentation - ECC

**Friday, May 8**

- 10:00 am Rug Hooking Group – Room 146  
7:00 pm Taizé Service - Chapel

**Saturday, May 9**

- 8:00 am Community Bible Study Leaders – Hamline  
9:00 New Hospital Lay Visitors Training – Mettam  
11:00 Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall  
12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

**Sunday, May 10** (See Sunday, May 3)

**Welcome Center:** Ron and Judy Yaggy

**Greeters:** Roger and Janet Hagen, Sue Johnson, and Donna Morris

**Fellowship Coffee:** Dan and Cheryl Hamm, Jack and Judy Zierdt

**Sound Booth: 9:00** Lad Roering, Sandy Shirk Heath, Chuck and Mark Handlon, Anthony Brown; **11:15** Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp

**Front desk reception:** Linda Curtis

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

**The UMW Service of Remembrance** will be on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 10AM in the chapel. Those to be remembered are Lela Henke, Charlene Gerads, Della Goodman, Carmen Atkinson, Dorothy Kelly and Genevieve Chamley. A luncheon hosted by the executive committee will follow the Service. All family and friends are invited to attend.

**Save the Date- Church Retreat** - Join Pastor Amanda and others as we take "time apart" growing in our faith. The retreat will focus on discovery—and we will be camping! The dates for this retreat are June 19-20, from 5 pm-5 pm. Spend 24 hours with your church community and God as we "discover" together! The location is still to be determined, but it will be close to Rochester. This event is planned with activities for people of all ages. Rain plans are also in the works.

**IHN Greeting Cards** – You will find a display of handmade cards in the commons between services today. Graduation, weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays are times to remember someone's special occasion. The donations for these cards support the work of Interfaith Hospitality Network...a ministry to homeless families.

**The Summer Tuesday Noonday Piano Recitals** will begin Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – August 25, 2009. They will be held from 12:20 pm – 12:50 pm in the Sanctuary. For complete list of pianists, see the church website [www.cumethodist.com/musicministries.htm](http://www.cumethodist.com/musicministries.htm)

**The schedule for the Wednesday Worship Celebration** will be changed for the summer. There will be no Wednesday Worship services in May. Services will resume in June with the following schedule. June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 12 & 26. Wednesday's will start with dinner at 5:15 until 6:00 pm. Worship starts at 6:00 pm in the ECC.

**Today, the Contemporary Issues Class** will be reviewing the action items for the forthcoming Minnesota Annual Conference. You are welcome to join us at 10:15 am in Room 146 for this discussion.