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Pentecost 16

Pre-service meditation: "Be Still"

(Words on cover of bulletin)

IN A SEA OF SUFFERING THE LORD GUIDES US HOME!



OPENING HYMN 748 (Worship Supplement)

Praise to the Lord

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 35:4-7a (on back) *Isaiah gives hope in God's promise to save us when earthly sorrows will be replaced by joys.*

RESPONSIVE READING HYMN - TLH Hymn 649 based on Matthew 8:26

L: Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;

C: Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.

L: Chart and compass come from Thee:

ALL: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

L: As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;

C: Boisterous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"

L: Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,

ALL: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

L: When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar

C: 'Tween me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy chest,

L: May I hear Thee say to me,

ALL: "Fear not, I will pilot thee." Amen.



Mark 7:31-37 (on back) *In the Gospel, Jesus heals the deaf-mute, demonstrating God's concern for those who suffer.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 518 v. 1-4, 7 (Red Hymnal)

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

SERMON – NIV Psalm 146:1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.



2 I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them-- the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

8 the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

10 The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Theme: **HALLELUJAH TO THE LORD OUR HELPER!**

HYMN 427 v. 1-4, 7 (Red Hymnal)

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 428 v. 1, 4 (Red Hymnal)

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;

Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,

Every day and hour supplying All my need.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION**



CLOSING HYMN "On Eagles' Wings"

See Blue Service Book Handout

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

TODAY: Refreshments/Sunday School/Bible class continues with our study of Unitarian Universalists
NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Festival Sunday! Foreign missionary Pastor Matthew Ude will be here to bring us the Word of God and answer questions/discuss our over seas ministry! Before next Sunday you and I may focus on our local/personal ministry here at St. Stephen. A great opportunity to bring someone from your family or a friend to hear the saving message of the Gospel and the impact IT has in other parts of the world.

CALL NEWS: The Rev. Paul Gurgel has received and accepted a 1 year call from Our redeemer's Lutheran Church of Red Wing, Minnesota, to be their full time Pastor (part-time resident). There will be an Installation Service on October 11, 2009, Rev. David Schierenbeck and Rev. Mark Bernthal presiding. The Rev. Michael Eichstadt, Hales Corners WI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI.