

**July 6, 2008**

*I used to say that the devil never takes a vacation, so why should I?—  
and I never stopped to think that the devil wasn't to be my example.*

*—Anonymous*

***Gathering and Praising***

**Music for Meditation**

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins  
with Music for Meditation*

**Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Come and worship God,  
before whom all hearts are opened and all hearts are known.

**All:** *We tremble in the presence of God,  
who knows our innermost thoughts and our deepest secrets.*

One: Fear not, for God, who sees all, is a loving and forgiving God.

**All:** *Let us come and worship God,  
who has the power to make all things new  
— who has the power to reform our very hearts.*

**\*Hymn:** *There is a place of quiet rest* #5

**First Scripture Reading:** *Romans 7: 15-25a, from The Message*

**Songs of Praise:** *Just as I am, vss. 1, 3, 5 &6* #516

*Listen, listen, God is calling* #1104 (HS)

**\*Invocation**

***Proclaiming***

**Scripture:** *Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30*

**Message:** *I will give you rest*

**Hymn:** *How clear is our vocation, Lord* #541

***Praying***

**“For this we rejoice...”**

**“For this we pray...”**

**Hymn Call to Prayer** *Come and fill our hearts* #1119 (HS)

**Prayer for all God’s children**

***Offering***

**Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory** Heather Eicher-Miller

**\*Offertory Response:** *Give thanks with a grateful heart* #1030 (HS)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending***

**\*Hymn:** *What a friend we have in Jesus* #574

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Christ’s light out into the world**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note that Pastor Cara will be gone to Annual Conference from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>, and will take vacation time from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact your caregivers for any concerns.