

November 9, 2008

In prayer, we are aware that God is in action and that when the circumstances are ready, when others are in the right place, and when our hearts are prepared, he will call us into the action. Waiting in prayer is a disciplined refusal to act before God acts.

—Eugene Peterson

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: If we but listen,

*All: God will speak to us in parables,
God will tell us stories lived out
by our grandparents.*

One: If we will but remember,

*All: we will discover all we have heard and known,
all the wonders God has in store for us.*

One: If we will but share,

*All: we can tell our children and grandchildren,
even those not yet born,
the glorious stories of our God.*

***Invocation**

***Hymn:** *What is this place*

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First Scripture Reading: *Amos 5: 18-24, from The Message*

Songs of Praise:

Proclaiming

Children's Story

Tom August

Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13*

Message: *What are you waiting for?*

Hymn: *My hope is built*

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Praying

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Hymn Call to Prayer

Holy Spirit, come to us

#1131 (HS)

Prayer for all God's children

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Tom August

***Offertory Response:**

Grant us, Lord, the grace

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:**

Take my hand

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***Benediction**

***Sending Christ's light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome all who are visiting us today. Please join us after the worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Then join us for adult and youth Sunday school at 11am.