

Traditional Service Order - 9:30 a.m. October 16, 2011

WE GATHER

Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.

WELCOME Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD Tyler Simpson, Guest Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Leader: Welcome to the first Sunday of our E-vent. We are "Unbinding Our Hearts."

People: These 6 weeks will take us into territory that is foreign to most of us.

Leader: That is a challenge, but we are not the first to journey into new places.

People: We follow Wesley, Augustine and many others who have explored the depths of faith before us and found God present and real in daily life.

Leader: Many before have lived the faith in a world largely ignorant of God's grace.

People: We follow St. Francis, Paul and Jesus himself in sharing that Grace.

Leader: The same One who led and went with them leads and goes with us

People: As the Holy Spirit anointed Peter, Phillip and Stephen to speak and act for God, so God's Spirit guides and supports our faith-sharing.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

*OPENING PRAYER by Mary J. Scifres Unison

Amazing God, speak to us in clarity and power as you once descended and spoke to Paul. Clear the cloudiness of our vision, and open our ears to receive your word. As we receive your Spirit, grant us courage to answer "Yes!" and send us forth to serve your world. Amen

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THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Pastor

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it, children ages 3 through 5th grade may leave for Kid's Club.

MINUTE MESSAGE Bill Seymour, E-vent Team Leader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE IN SCRIPTURE (Acts 9:1-19), MUSIC AND DRAMA David Westfall

SERMON "The Paul Problem" Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn "Amazing Grace" - vs. 1-3 No. 378

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up to and/or pray at the altar.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Announcements and Invitation to Share

The Offertory Tyler Simpson

*The Doxology 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 Terri Pennington

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" No. 593

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE Tyler Simpson

Casual Worship Service - Family Life Center *(Going on simultaneously)*
Brandon Daugherty leading worship

NEXT SUNDAY: Unbinding Your Heart E-vent Sunday 2

Sermon: "The Prayer Plunge" - Scripture: Luke 5:1-10

Traditional Service Speaker: Pastor Easley

Casual Service Leader: Abby Warneke

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Streets. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

2011 CHURCH GOAL: Growth in Membership, Discipleship, and Service through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

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Unbinding the Heart

“The Paul Problem”

Acts 9:1-19