



Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2010
9:30am



*We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.
For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the
lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the
Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located
under each chair.*

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song** *Evening and Morning (v. 1, 2, 4)*

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◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

♦ **Greeting**

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

♦ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♦ **First Reading**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter is able to destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn

now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

◆ *Special Music*

Summer Singers

◆ *Gospel Reading*

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

◆ *Children's Message*

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ *Song*

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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◆ *Message*

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ *Song*

Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 1,2,5)

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◆ *Sacrament of Baptism*

(see insert)

Finnegan Michael Bidwell

Emelin Edin Downey

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response Create In Me*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: God of mercy and grace,

C: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 752*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Joe Smith, Wendell Olson, Barbara Lockwood, James Smith, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Lou Vietti/Pat Lahti family, Roger Rowlette **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Evin Roley, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Phyllis Young **Military:** Joshua Lee, Matt Janssen*

◆ *Holy Communion*

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

◆ *Distribution Music* *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 773

◆ *Communion Blessing and Prayer*

P: Let us pray:

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

◆ *God's Blessing to Us*

P: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

◆ *Song* *Praise the Lord! O Heavens* 823

◆ *Sending*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Flowers and coffee hour refreshments are provided today in celebration of Virginia Johnson's 90th birthday by her family. Altar flowers are also given in celebration of the baptism of Finnegan Michael Bidwell by Jack and Andi Bidwell.

It is a privilege to baptize the following children this morning:
Finnegan Michael Bidwell, son of Jason and Katherine Bidwell and grandson of Jack and Andi Bidwell. Finnegan was born on June 24, 2010. His sponsors are Andy Lo and Bridget Hess.

Emelin Edin Downey, daughter of Drew and Jacinda Downey. Emelin was born on March 19, 2010. Her sponsors are Mike and Janelle Schneckloth.

Worship Assistants

Usher:	Jack and Andi Bidwell
Greeter:	Steve and Shelly Howe
Lector:	Dave Dynneson
Communion Assts:	Randy and Melissa Hoepner
Hosts:	Virginia Johnson Family
Music:	Jon and Anita Young

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