

# The Service for the Lord's Day

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2008

## GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn of Preparation # 394 "Something Beautiful, Something Good"**

GAITHER

### Chiming of the Hour

### Call to Worship

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**So great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God.**

### Prayer of the Day

NEWMAN

Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience  
which alone can receive your inspirations.

My ears are dull, so that I cannot hear your voice.

My eyes are dim, so that I cannot see the signs of your presence.

You alone can quicken my hearing and purge my sight,  
and cleanse and renew my heart.

Teach me to sit at your feet and to hear your word. **Amen.**

JOHN

**\*Hymn # 600**

**"Wonderful Words of Life"**

BLISS

### \*Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another

### \*Prayer of Confession

**"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."**

**So we pray, O God; yet we confess our lives show forth little mercy.**

**We pass judgment on people who think and live differently than do we.**

**Suspicion, jealousy, and quarrels infect our relationships,**

**and keep us from building communities**

**where everyone feels welcome and known.**

**Merciful God, again we ask your forgiveness.**

**Teach us and guide us to extend to others**

**what we have received so abundantly from you:**

**gracious acceptance, saving help,**

**and love that will bind us together. In Jesus name, Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Though we falter, divine mercy lifts us up:

when we fall short, we are loved, forgiven, accepted;

if we feel forsaken or judged, we know that our lives have meaning

in the larger purpose of God. Hear the Good News of the Lord's infinite mercy  
and goodness. **Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

### Anthem

**"I Need Thee Every Hour"**

CHOIR

### First Scripture Reading

**Matthew 18:21-35**

### A Moment with the Children

Elementary-aged children are dismissed to Kids Church

Regina Little

### THE WORD

### Second Scripture Reading

**Romans 14:1-12**

### Sermon

**"In Essentials Unity,**

Marc Sherrod

**Non-Essentials Charity,  
and In All Things Christ”**

**Affirmation of Faith**  
1967

from *The Confession of*

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize, and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work, or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Introduction to the Offering**

The joy of Christian community is our common call to serve God by loving one another and giving to all who are in need. Let us remember “Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)

**Offering**  
MANLEY

“Spirit”

Eden Sherrod, Flute

**\*Offertory Response**  
KEN

“Doxology”

**Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow  
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below  
Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**THE SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn # 389**  
OWENS

“Freely, Freely”

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response # 701 “When We All Get to Heaven”**  
HEWITT

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace,  
In the mansions bright and blessed, He’ll prepare for us a place  
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be  
When we all see Jesus, We’ll sing and shout the victory.**

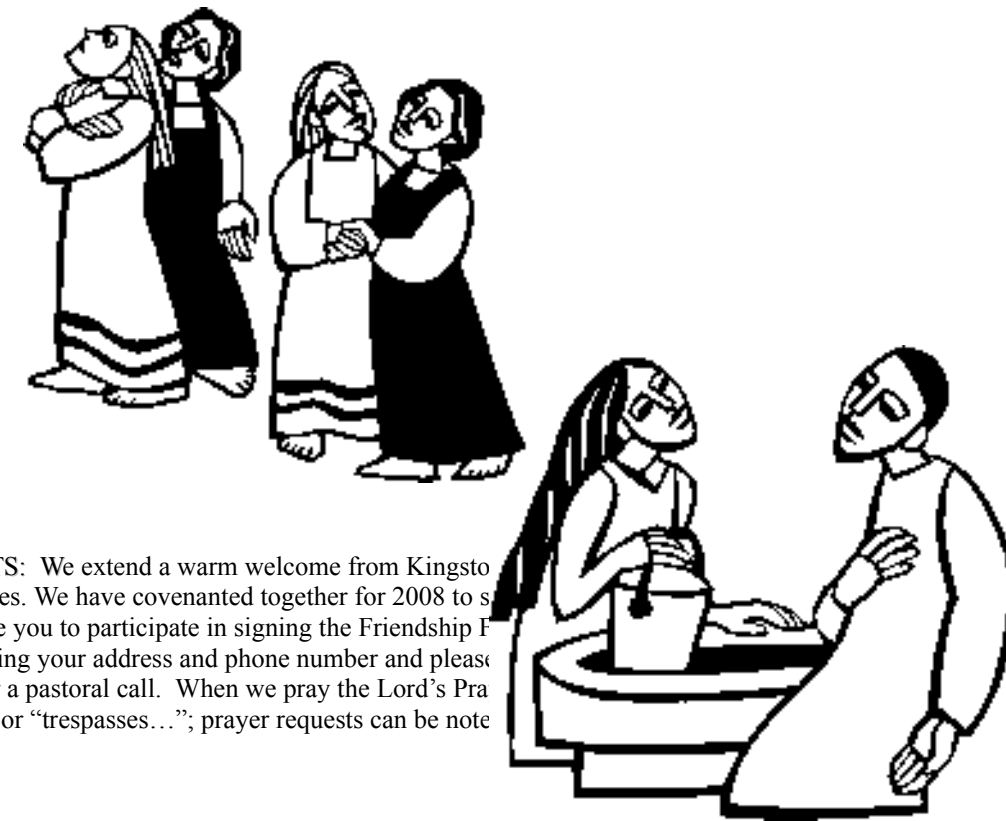
*\*ALL who are able, please stand.*

*Services of Ecumenical Worship*  
**Kingston United Methodist Church**

*and*

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**

*~ two communities of faith coming together,  
for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God’s peace, justice and love ~*



TO OUR GUESTS: We extend a warm welcome from Kingston Presbyterian Churches. We have covenanted together for 2008 to service. We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship F (for Presbyterian), adding your address and phone number and please church newsletter or a pastoral call. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer rather than “debts...” or “trespasses...”; prayer requests can be noted

racks, please put those in the offering plates and both churches will be notified of your request. We are glad you are with us. Please worship with us again!

**Kingston United Methodist Church**

Rev. Donald Morris - Pastor

Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson - Congregational Care

Regina Little - Program Director

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**Bethel Presbyterian Church**

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