



Bread

HENDERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2015

9:30 A.M.



*Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***GATHERING SONG**

“Awesome God”

TFWS #2040

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

—Based on Ephesians 4:25–5:2.

Leader: We are Christ’s followers, imitators of him.

People: Let us, then, always speak the truth.

Leader: Let us resolve our anger and disputes in love.

People: Let us do our work with honesty and diligence.

Leader: Let us speak only what is edifying and encouraging.

People: Let kindness, compassion and forgiveness be the hallmarks of our lives.

Leader: Christ loved us and gave his life for us.

People: Imitating Christ, let us love one another!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#92

(verses 1 and 6)

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Jesus, we are hungry for your bread and thirsty for your living waters. But sometimes our lack of faith is like a person with a cold who passes a bakery and cannot smell the fragrance of baking bread. In proportion to our faith, our hearts and minds are opened to you, and we are fed and nourished. May our faith grow, so that nourished by your bread and water, we may nourish others. Open our hearts to firm belief. Amen.

***PRAISES**

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS #2108

“God Is So Good”

TFWS #2056

WE TALK TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER

PRAISES, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE LORD

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC AND TESTIMONIES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL LESSON John 6:35, 41-51

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Why Bread?" Pastor Mary

Hymn "Spirit Song" #347

AGAPE MEAL (LOVE FEAST)

CALL TO THE FEAST

One: This is a table of welcome. All are free to come and eat. As we gather at this table, we remember these words of our brother Jesus: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

All: We come to this table hungry and thirsty. Satisfy us, O God.

One: As we gather at this table, we remember these words of our brother Jesus: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

All: We come to this table weary and burdened. Give us rest, O God.

One: As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus comes to us in the stranger, in the hungry, in the thirsty, and in the one needing warmth.

All: We come to this table as strangers in a strange land. Welcome us into your family, O God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

One: Let us pray. Living God, you are present in our midst.

All: and we praise you.

One: You are tearing down walls of alienation and exclusion.

All: For this, we praise you...

One: Because, in Jesus, you have shown us a way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance.

All: we praise you.

One: Because your Spirit makes a new path for us, as we struggle to live in the belly of Empire.

All: We praise you.

One: weak as we are, you fill us with hope. Lover of our souls, you give us joy.

All: and we praise you. Amen,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We remember that Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.”

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. It is easy to be distracted with fickle dreams and selfish desires. Forgive us.

One: And Jesus reminds us of a second command: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

All: Loving One, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our hearts too easily put our needs above the needs of others, seeking comfort and safety without regard for those who have greater need.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Consider these questions:

- 1) Am I reconciled to all at this table?
- 2) Does anyone here have a need that it is within my power to meet?
- 3) Is there anything I cling to that keeps me from offering love to those at this table?

One: Hear the good news: In the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our brother Jesus, God proclaims forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

SETTING THE TABLE

*CLOSING HYMN

TFWS #2223

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

*BENEDICTION AND SERVING AGAPE MEAL



July Worship Helpers:

Announcer: Kathy Greeter: Ruby Scripture: Michelle
Ushers: Walter and Youth Counters: Margaret/Michelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week’s lectionary readings: *1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

Looking Ahead (more information soon):

Vacation Bible School will be held at San Juan, Monday thru Wednesday, August 17-19, 4-6 p.m.

Worship with Simpson-Cascade at Hamot Park on Sunday, September 6 10:00 a.m.

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Fall Bible Study—"REVIVAL"



After feeling his heart "strangely warmed" by God, John Wesley ignited a firestorm of revival in England and America. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

Join us and Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Week 1: Precursors to Revival—Epworth

Week 2: A Longing for Holiness—Oxford

Week 3: A Crisis of Faith—Georgia and Aldersgate

Week 4: The Necessity of Grace—Bristol

Week 5: Works of Mercy—The Foundry, London

Week 6: Persevering to the End—City Road Chapel, London

All church members are encouraged to attend as we strive to grow stronger in our personal faith and as a congregation. The study will be offered both during the day and in the evening in an effort to meet the varying schedules. The specific day and times will be announced soon. The study includes Adam Hamilton's book, *Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It*.



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT OLMSTED MANOR

One of my favorite things to do in the summer is to walk the beaches of Lake Erie to find beautiful pieces of beach glass. With each piece I wonder about how and where this piece was broken. How long did it take the waves and sand to smooth the sharp edges of the brokenness?

Is there really a way to go from broken to beautiful? Our time at Olmsted will center around how we can take our brokenness and create a beautiful future. Come discover how to change your story and transform your brokenness into everlasting beauty.

Our annual Women's Retreat at Olmsted Manor will be held October 16, 17, and 18. Cost is \$130. We will need to have a \$30 commitment fee by September 6. There will be a sub sale in September or October.