

Excelsior United Methodist Church

July 20, 2008

10:00

Leader / **People**

**People who able, please stand*

Large print hymnals are available

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord you have searched us and known us.

Where can we go from your Spirit? Or where can we flee from your presence?

Wherever we go in the heavens or on earth you are there.

Teach us your way, O Lord.

That we may walk in your truth.

Guide us in our lives as we open our hearts to your Word.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:24-30 Kay Thompson
(Parable of the wheat and the weeds)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch
Four Plus More

CHILDREN'S TIME

MEDITATION "Protecting the Wheat" Kent Johnson

*HYMN NO. 694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *All My Trials* arr. Jeff Funk
Four Plus More

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Life, we seek to be children of your kingdom. Yet, our fears cause us to believe that we will be more generous givers once we have satisfied our own personal, material desires. Change our thinking. Help us to be faithful disciples who recognize that everything we have in life is a gift from you. Inspire us to share our resources as a response to your unconditional love. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN NO. 671 (stz 1-3) *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

~ WELCOME VISITORS ~

We are glad you are here and we hope you return.
Please check for information at the Visitors' Center in the narthex
and introduce yourself to others so we can get to know you.

Mission and Vision Statements

The mission of EUMC is to be a welcoming Christian community
that helps connect faith journeys with life's journey
and inspires sharing of time, talents and treasures.

Our vision is to be an intergenerational Christian family
that nurtures the journey of faith and service to transform the world.

Reconciling Church Statement

Excelsior United Methodist Church believes that we are all children of God and
individuals of sacred worth. We affirm Jesus' example of love without reservation
and covenant to deal compassionately and justly with each other. We welcome
and affirm persons of any age, gender, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family
status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social standing as full participants in the
life and work of this reconciling congregation.

***One set of altar flowers today are given by Mark & Barb Gleason in
memory of Barb's Dad, Dennis Reardon.***

Pastor: Kent Johnson

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Nate Melcher

Music Director: Gail Fisk **Organist:** Jane Kuhn

Office Administrator: Sarah Lockwood

Building Closer: John Grimm

Offering Counters: Todd Wagner & Alan Stricker

Ushers: Bill Judd, Bob Fisk, Wayne Rosengren

Greeter: Kay Thompson

Attendance at last week's worship service: 131

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost