

Excelsior United Methodist Church

July 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Leader / **People**

**People who able, please stand*

Large print bulletins are available

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 145)

Chris Stone

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

People: And all your people shall bless you.

Leader: We shall tell of your power and the joy of knowing you, O Lord,

People: For you are faithful and compassionate in all that you do!

PRAYER TO BEGIN

O God, we give you thanks for your love which calls us to be all we can be.

And we give thanks for your guidance and grace when we fall short.

Help us to be relieved, renewed and inspired by our worship today. Hear now our individual silent prayers...

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 11:16-19, 25-30

Chris Stone

The word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kent Johnson, Steve Colby

ANTHEM

Medley

Don Carruth, Sr.

MEDITATION

"Grace"

Kent Johnson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*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 up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Lord of everlasting love and glory, we offer these gifts along with our lives for the work of your kingdom. Give us courage to share with others, the joys of knowing and serving you. Amen

*SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion Hymns:

121 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

114 *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

614 *For The Bread Which You Have Broken*

AFFIRMATION AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 671 (stz. 1)

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 Don Carruth, Sr.
in loving memory of his wife Florence.***

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: Alec Wilson

Offering Counters: Rick Sorley

Ushers: Rick & Sue Dyer

Communion Stewards: Nancy Glades and Chris Stone

Greeter: Chris Stone

Attendance at last week's worship service: 148

***July 6, 2008
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***