

Salem United Methodist Church of Fond du Lac

120 Sheboygan Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Reverend Jack Stubbs

9:00am - September 7th 2008

17th Sunday in Kingdomtide



Gathering

Prelude

*Introit

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Senior Choir

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

No. 569 Red Hymnal

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Unison Prayer

O God, who is Word and Truth, you know whom we define as stranger or friend, as "desirable" or "undesirable," as familiar or feared, as insider or outsider, as powerful or powerless, and you love them all. Even in our judgments, you know and love us, and we give you thanks. Inspire us to take our stand for Truth and lead us to witness for justice and mercy. Help us to model your grace and to work for peace until they are shared by all alike. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the master teacher. Amen.

Proclamation

Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:3-8

Romans 10:14-15

Ministry of Music

“We Are Here, Lord”

Senior Choir

Children’s Time

Gospel Reading

John 15:18-27

Sermon

“Bear Witness”

Julie Francis

Response

Sung Call to Prayer

“Jesus, Remember Me”

No. 488 Red Hymnal

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Silent Prayer

Prayer

Sung Close to Prayer

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Offertory

Doxology

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

No. 97, Vs. 3

Red Hymnal

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God; for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still

confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Bibles (Responsive)

Debbie Gilliland and Nancy Rankin

Leader: May this book be a constant reminder of a worthy past, a past torn and mended by peoples’ dreams and ambitions, and by hope fulfilled in God’s continuing love. This book carries a tremendous history, a history that is part of our identity as human beings and

part of who and what we are as the church. It is a history that gives meaning to our lives together. The biblical message can transform all of human history - past, present, and future.

People: May this book enable you to dream today, and may your dreams challenge you to create a better tomorrow.

Leader: May this book create within you a spirit of courage, responsibility, and hope. And may you become a bearer of its message of hope and love that overcome all.

All: May the God of peace be with you always. Shalom and Amen.

A Covenant for Church Educators (Responsive)

Leader: We welcome and recognize our teachers, small group leaders, and other education leaders in our congregation. We give thanks to God for you and who bear witness to Jesus Christ and celebrate the gifts and service you offer faithfully to our community of faith.

Educators: We give thanks to God for the privilege of sharing our gifts and witness.

Leader: Will you be in covenant with God and with this congregation, with your class and group members, and with each other in this ministry of Christian education and formation?

Educators: We will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you proclaim the Word, teach our faith story, and stand up boldly for the Lord?

Educators: We will, with God's direction.

Leader: *(to the congregation)* Will you pray for our teachers, leaders, students and participants? Will you pledge to support, nurture, and advocate for them as they carry out this ministry on behalf of the congregation?

Congregation: We will, with God's guidance. We are grateful for the time, energy, affection, and faithfulness shown by our teachers and leaders and commend their ministry. May you serve with joy. Thanks be to God.

All: Amen and Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

No. 15 Red Hymnal

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Administration of the Elements

Sending Forth

*Hymn *“I Love to Tell the Story”* No. 156 Red Hymnal

Community Time
Announcements and Sharing

*Benedictional Hymn *“I Love to Tell the Story”* No. 156, Refrain
Red Hymnal

*I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*Postlude

*** Indicates for those who are able, please stand.**

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