

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday**  
**May 20, 2012 – 9:30 AM**

**Gathering** Greet others joyfully and then prepare for worship in quiet reflection during prelude

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

**Preludes** “My Lord, What A Morning,” American Tune, Words:

John Ylvisaker - “**Blow Spirit, Blow,**” John Ylvisaker

“**It Is Well With My Soul,**” Phillip Bliss

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

**Greeting One Another in the Joy of Christ**

**Praying the News**

**Call to Worship\* (responsive)**

L: This is the time, and this is the place. We wait for you, God, to come to us.

**C: To change our minds, to remold our lives, to fill us with hope.**

L: We praise you, our God.

**C: For your love revealed to us in Jesus,**

L: We praise you, our God.

**C: For setting us free and making us one,**

L: We praise you, our God.

**C: For giving us the vision of your reign, the hope of life in you.**

L: Make our worship worthy of you and our lives a sign of your presence.

**All: We wait for you, and praise you! Hallelujah! Amen.**

**HYMN\*** “We Sing to You, O God” TFWS # 2001

**Prayer for Guidance (unison)** Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your Word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen (Arnold Kenseth)

**Scripture:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and I John 5:9-13

**Music Ministry** “We Wait Upon the Lord”

Jennifer & Claire Gunsbury on Flutes

**Children’s Message**

**Gospel Lesson** John 15:9-17

Pew Bible Page 1289 or 147

“The word of God for the people of God”

**Response: “Thanks be to God”**

**HYMN\*** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #569

**SERMON** “Hearing your own story”

Pastor Rory Swenson

**Offering our Lives and Gifts** (include names for intercessory prayer)

**Offertory “Everything Is One,”** Herb & Lois Brokering, inspired by the theme from Holden Village-“Something Is Afoot in the Universe.”

**Sung by Scott Bachman**

**Doxology\*** Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Prayer of Dedication** traditional (**Unison**) May these gifts be a power for good. May they be a witness of a loving unity between you and your church; to give hope in our communities, and to welcome all in the truth of your blessing in Christ. Amen

**Prayers of the People, followed by 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.)

**HYMN\*** “Blessed Assurance” #369

**Sending Forth (Unison)** Send us, O God in ministry, as we entrust ourselves to your care and keeping. Be for us, guide and protector, companion and friend, Savior and Lord.

By your love and grace-full power in us, may we be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and the story of his love. Amen

**Postludes “Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet,”** Music-Michael Smith; Words-Amy Grant

\* **indicates please stand** if you are comfortable to do so.

TFWS= “The Faith We Sing” Hymn Book

**Visitors Welcome! Please sign our guest book**

**And please introduce yourself to the pastor**

**Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available from an usher.**

**PLEASE join us for fellowship downstairs after worship**

**Let us be your church home!**

**CHILD CARE** is available downstairs off the fellowship hall for ages 6 months to Kindergarten. Baby changing station is in the Wesley Room at the old “Powder Room.”

**Older children are encouraged to sit with their families. There are activity bags in the narthex for the children to use. Also, there are children’s bulletins available.**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

**Please have Newsletter Announcements and articles in the office no later than the 19<sup>th</sup> Of Each Month**

**Parents Please Remember to:** Pickup your children from their Sunday School Rooms at Noon. Thanks

Complete Announcement Handout is available from Ushers Or on The Table In The Narthex

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Emma McKenny (6 yrs old), Donna Stoll, Rusty Ramp, Betty Jessen, Glenn Brown, Mary Ellen Wensing, Randy Jessen, Hope Strey, Tyler Burgen, , Bill Graphenteen, Sergeant Erin M. Scheafer, Karol Goedker, Marn Moody, Kirk Norstrom, Verna Hoffmann, and Marvin Montgomery

<b>All Members of the Congregation</b>	Minister
<b>The Rev. Rory Swenson</b>	Pastor
<b>Clayton Oberg, &amp; Tom Chesley</b>	Retired Pastors
<b>Wilma Roberts</b>	Retired Diaconal Minister
<b>Stephen Newnum</b>	Missionary - Brazil
<b>Leslie Hobson, deaconess</b>	Youth Director
<b>Brenda Pfeffer</b>	Treasurer
<b>Bill Fortune III</b>	Admin. & Financial Secretary
<b>Donna Dahl</b>	Chancel Choir Director
<b>Claudette Kitzman</b>	Gregorian Handbell Director
<b>Shirley Lintner</b>	Organist, 9:30
<b>Cleo Kuelbs</b>	Pianist 11:15
<b>Kim Finch</b>	Choir Accompanist
<b>Clinton Rhodes</b>	Accompanist
<b>Jeannie Goodwin</b>	Lector
<b>Wayne &amp; Jo Little</b>	Greeters
<b>Bob Ehrich &amp; Walt Fust</b>	Ushers
<b>Joyce Bachman</b>	Flower Steward
<b>Jim Trott</b>	Custodian
<b>Anna Young</b>	Childcare

**ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday 9:30** 165 ca. **11:15** 30 ca.  
**Sunday School: 23 Visitors: 6 ca.**

*April Children in attendance at church events: 95*

**Flowers in Chancel – This Week:**  
**In Honor of: Our Wedding Anniversary**  
 By: Murriel Carlson



**Please Help with these Ministries**  
**2012 Sign Up Sheets For**  
**Ushers – Altar Flowers – Greeters**  
 Are on the bulletin board  
 in the Education Wing

*See Vacation Bible School needs on table in lobby*

----- **Sunday, May 20, 2012** -----

9:30 AM - Worship Service  
 10:30 AM - Fellowship Time - Social Hall  
 10:50 AM - Discipleship Formation - All Ages  
 11:15 AM - Worship Service  
 5:00 PM - Cooking Group at New Light UMC

----- **Monday, May 21, 2012** -----

9:30 AM - Mocha with the Father 2 at Mocha With the Father 2 will be meeting at the church in the Wesley room or across the hall from there. Bring your own coffee cup and a pot of coffee will be made. Questions - Diane - 829-8837

Noon luncheon & program: "High Blood Pressure and Strokes" with Dr Furda

1:00 PM - Needlework Ministry - Park UMC  
 3:30 PM - 9th-12th Grades Coco Moon gathering  
 6:30 PM Deborah Circle

----- **Tuesday, May 22, 2012** -----

7:00 AM - Mocha with the Father- NW Pizza  
 1:30 PM-Myasthenia Gravis (MG) Support

----- **Wednesday, May 23, 2012** -----

Noon - Naomi Circle  
 5:00 PM - Youth Pizza & salad supper  
 6:00 PM - GUMY's (Grades 1-5)  
 6:00 PM - BUMY's (Grades 6-12)  
 6:00 Wednesday Night Bible Study  
 7:00 PM - Choir

----- **Thursday, May 24, 2012** -----

5:00 PM - Montessori using the fellowship hall  
 6:00 PM - SPRC Meeting

----- **Friday, May 25, 2012** -----

8:45 AM - Sunday Bulletin and Announcement folding

----- **Sunday, May 27, 2012** -----

Pastor Rory's Last Sunday  
 9:30 AM - Worship Service  
 10:30 AM - Fellowship Time - Social Hall  
 11:15 AM - Worship Service  
 Noon - Final Gathering with Pastor Rory  
 1:00 PM Farewell Service for Rory.

----- **Munday, May 28, 2012** -----

**Memorial Day – Office Closed**



**Open Hearts**  
**Open Minds**  
**Open Doors**

**The People Of**  
**The United Methodist Church**

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**Worship Service**

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*"To be used by God to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"*