

Sunday Traditional Worship

9:00 & 10:30am

September 6, 2009

“Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord, rather than for people”
Ephesians 6:7

Gathering Music
Lighting Of The Candles

“Sine Nomine” Edwin Childs

Video
Welcome

“Work Unto the Lord”

*Please sign & pass the welcome/attendance pads down the rows and back,
then hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.*

Prelude “Finlandia” Edwin Childs

**Call To Worship* (*Those who are comfortable may stand)

One: Welcome in,

All: Come on home.

One: Come with your load of troubles,

All: Carry in your bundle of doubts.

One: Bring them home

All: To a place of healing,

One: To a community of forgiveness,

All: To this family.

One: Bring them home to God:

All: A God who cares,

One: Who lightens our load,

All: Who gives us rest,

One: Who gives us hope for the future, courage for each day, a song for
this moment.

**Hymn* #437 “This is My Song”

Scripture Luke 5: Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ ⁵Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

2 Thessalonians 3:4-16 from The Message

⁴⁻⁵Because of the Master, we have great confidence in you. We know you're doing everything we told you and will continue doing it. May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance. ⁶⁻⁹Our orders—backed up by the Master, Jesus—are to refuse to have anything to do with those among you who are lazy and refuse to work the way we taught you. Don't permit them to freeloader on the rest. We showed you how to pull your weight when we were with you, so get on with it. We didn't sit around on our hands expecting others to take care of us. In fact, we worked our fingers to the bone, up half the night moonlighting so you wouldn't be burdened with taking care of us. And it wasn't because we didn't have a right to your support; we did. We simply wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious. ¹⁰⁻¹³Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately—no excuses, no arguments—and earn their own keep. Friends, don't slack off in doing your duty.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵If anyone refuses to obey our clear command written in this letter, don't let him get by with it. Point out such a person and refuse to subsidize his freeloading. Maybe then he'll think twice. But don't treat him as an enemy. Sit him down and talk about the problem as someone who cares.

¹⁶May the Master of Peace himself give you the gift of getting along with each other at all times, in all ways. May the Master be truly among you!

Message “Labor Day” Pastor Karen Bruins

A Prayer For Labor Day (Unison)

Sovereign God, after you completed the work of creation, you surveyed what you had accomplished and pronounced it very good. Today we pause to survey what our work has wrought, to seek your guidance and to give thanks. We thank you for the blessings of steady work, fair compensation, supportive coworkers and the satisfaction of knowing our labors make a difference. Thank you for the labor of all the people who make our lives better: for inventors and caregivers, teachers and researchers, guards, guides, servers, growers, manufacturers, planners, rescuers, creators, preservers, counselors, healers and so many more. Some of us here today are struggling over our employment -- or lack of it. Go before us to open doors and make connections that will result in the opportunity for satisfying work. Some of us have defects of character that get in the way of fulfilling our potential. Open our eyes to see ourselves as others do, and give us the humility and courage to develop what is lacking in our personality. Some of us have jobs, but fear we will be downsized right out onto the street. Help us fight off the debilitating effects of fear, and help us create our own opportunities for the future. Some of us are not able to work, and feel terribly cut off, even useless. Help us focus on what we still can do, and never let any of us imagine that our human worth is earned through our own work, instead of by your gracious work of love in Jesus Christ. Continue your work in us and through us, that all our works may be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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.

**Hymn* #2153 "I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me"
(The Faith We Sing Songbook)

Offering

Invitation to offering

Unison Prayer: **On this Labor Day weekend we dedicate these gifts, the fruits of our labor, to You with love. May you bless our labor and our giving. Help us to give with more gratitude, to serve with more passion and to love you and our neighbors with all our hearts. Amen.**

Music during the Offering "The Beatitudes" Alfred Hay Millotte
Stephanie Klemetson, soloist

**Doxology #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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Sacrament Of Holy Communion

9:00 Hymnal page #15 Musical Setting B
10:30 Hymnal page 15 A Service of Word and Table III

Blessing Of The Backpacks

Announcements / Share A Greeting

Children's Time

**Closing Hymn* "Go to the World"

Blessing

The Lord support you all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and your work is done. Then, of God's mercy, may God grant you a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Adapted from John Henry Newman

Postlude "Work, for Night is Coming" Sharon Elery Rogers

*Please stand if you are able.

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