

Celebration of Worship

Domestic Violence Sabbath Sunday

October 19, 2008

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rene Denother

MOMENT OF COMMITMENT "UCM Public Action Meeting"

Mary Johnson, 1st Unitarian Church

MOMENT OF COMMITMENT "Mound Ridge Fundraiser" Zeke Jabusch

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY OF HEALING

Rene Denother

God of grace, You nurture us with a love deeper than any we know, and Your will for us is always healing and salvation. **We praise You and thank you, O God.**

God of love, You enter into our lives, our pain, and our brokenness, and You stretch out Your healing hands to us wherever we are. **We praise You and thank you, O God.**

God of strength, You fill us with Your presence and send us forth with love and healing to all whom we meet. **We praise You and thank you, O God.**

God of love, we ask You to hear the prayers of Your people. **Hear us, O God of life.**

We pray for the world, that Your creation may be understood and valued. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch with Your healing power the minds and hearts of all who suffer from sickness, injury, or disability, and make them whole again. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch with Your healing powers the minds and hearts of all who are burdened by anguish, despair, or isolation, and set them free in love. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Break the bonds of those who are imprisoned by fear, compulsion, secrecy, and silence. **Come with Your healing power, O God.**

Fill with peace those who grieve over separation and loss. **Come with Your healing power, O God.**

Restore to wholeness all those who have been broken in life or in spirit by violence within their families; restore to wholeness all those who have been broken in life or in spirit by violence within our Family of Nations; restore to them the power of Your love; and give to them the strength of Your presence. **Come, O God, and restore us to wholeness and love.**

Let us pause for a moment of silence at the outset of this service and pray for those, including ourselves who need healing. Let us pray for those who have died of violence. Let us pray that all may have rest **in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.**

O God, in You all is turned to light, and brokenness is healed. Look with compassion on us and on those for whom we pray, that we may be re-created in wholeness, in love, and in compassion for one another. **AMEN.**

*HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" # 326

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (adapted)

Unison

"Lord, make us instruments of Thy Peace ... Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life."

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: "Rise Up And Sing" – Wagner

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Judges 19:1-16, 20-30

SERMON: "Clinging to the Threshold of Hope" Pastor Humbert

*HYMN "Live Into Hope" # 332

MORNING PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer for the People

*Choral Response

RESPONDING

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" #434

SENDING

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION
*CHORAL BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
*ORGAN POSTLUDE

Greeters: Dick & Joan Norman
Ushers: Paul & Carol Bouyea and Walter & Patte Stark
Acolyte: Preston King

***All who are able may stand.**

The attendance for Sunday, October 12, 2008 was approximately 135.

PRAYER LIST

Current Concerns

Vickie Aldridge, Tina Bacigalupo, Frank Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Helen Bernard, June Craps, Sheila Darr, Dottie England, Jill Eschbach, Freer Family, Zach Felkel, Ida Gaither, Dolores Hauser, Heller Family, Jane Harris, Lisa Holsten, Helen Horn, Don Jacoby, Bill Kindig, Cletus & Marge Kreider, Smokey Krieg, Jane Lakin, Gail Lewis, Evelyn Manda, Robert Meding, Don & Carol Moran, Joann Moss, Eric Newby, Jim O'Dell, Cheryl Panyik, Kacey Panyik, Kathie Rain, Chuck Randall, Scatarro Family, Larry Scott, Bert & Rusty Seago, Bruce Seymour, Janice Sherman, JD Shinault, Lanita Sims, Antonia Skrine, Patte Stark, Jan Sims, Matt Sims, Bob & Bobbie Vandalia, Katie Weiss, Tom Wuellner, Duward Worley, Evelyn Worley, Shirley Wyatt.

Homebound

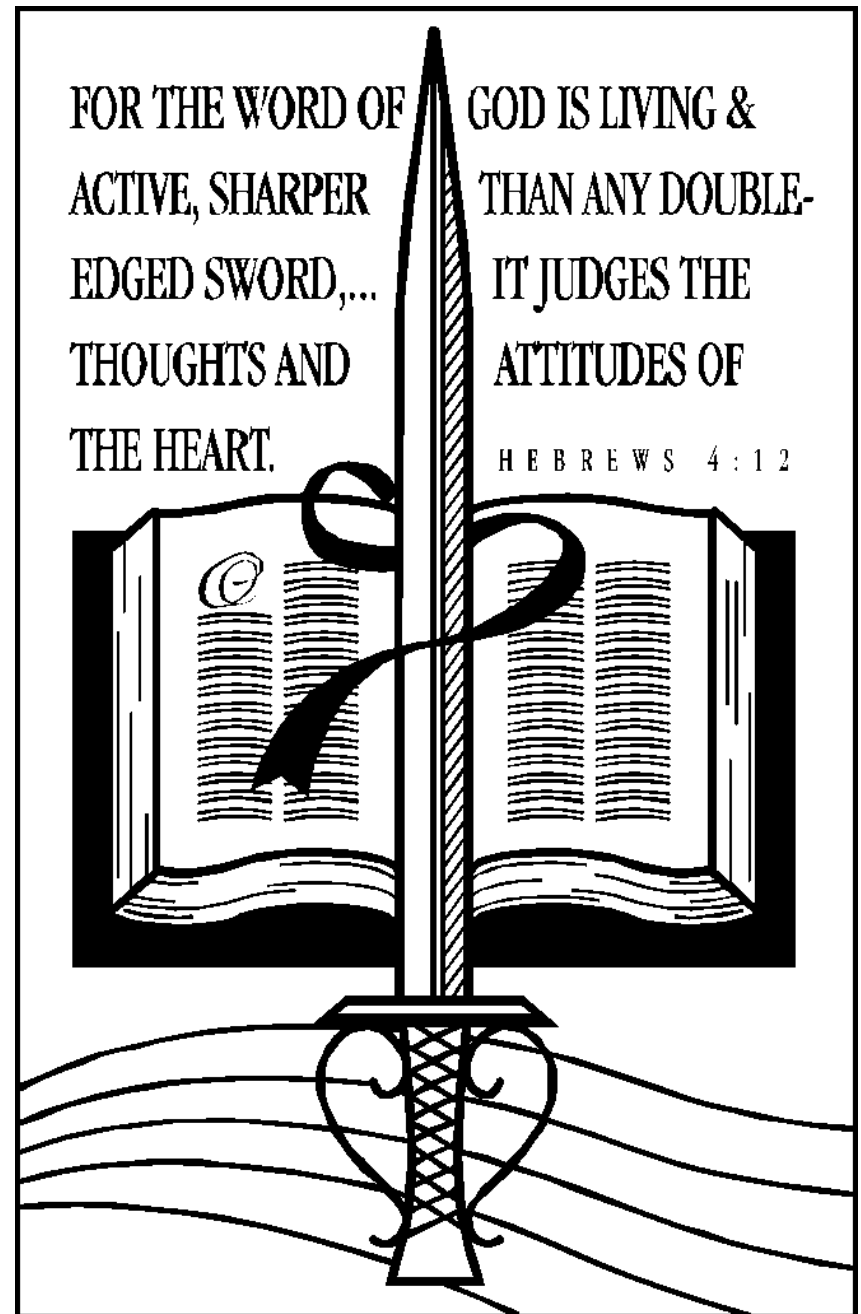
Andy Dick

Nursing Home

Dorothy Crabtree (Blu-Fountain), Gerri Heppner (Eunice-Smith), Jane Jackson (Eunice Smith), Earl Mundell (Edwardsville Nursing & Rehab)

Long-term

Audrey Bohannon, Chad Buder, Ellen Emde, Carole & Nate Folwell, Jane Harris, Andrew Kayser, Marie Laird, Jennifer Lehnen, Beth Lenhardt, Jeannette Massey, Carla Scott, Randy Wade, Tom Wenstrom, and Alison Winslow.



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