

August 1, 2010

9:00 & 10:45 AM

Becoming Family at Its Best

Homestead United Methodist Church

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Rev. Becky Jo Thilges, Pastor



*The congregation stands for the indicated hymns and readings. If it is difficult for you to stand, please feel free to remain seated at these times.

Theme Faith in God

Gathering

Prelude

"Slane"

Irish Folk Melody

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Especially those who are worshipping at Homestead for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

Celebrating Our Life Together in Christ

Significant messages about participating in the community of faith at Homestead Church.

*Call to Worship

God has done great things in the past, showering love on those who have gone before us.

We celebrate the God of yesterday.

God is here with us now, in our very midst.

We celebrate the God of today!

God promises to be with us forever and ever, even in the places God cannot be easily seen.

We celebrate the God of tomorrow.

Come, let us worship the God who is forever.

*Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress"

#110 (UMH)

Children's Message

Connie Sheely

Special Music

"It is No Secret What God Can Do"

Mike Thilges & Priscilla Robinson

Discovering

***Scripture Lesson** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NRSV (red), NT p.211-212
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation "Without Seeing You" #2206 (TFWS)

Meditation "What Can't Be Seen" Rev. Becky Jo Thilges

Responding

Song of Response "How Firm A Foundation" #529 (UMH)

Receiving the Gifts and Tithes

The ushers will receive your gifts to God given to further God's work through Homestead Church.

Prayer Cards will also be collected in the offering plates at this time.

Offertory "Trust and Obey" Towner

***Doxology** #94 (UMH)

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!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

A Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion today. You do not have to be a member of this or any to church to come and receive the bread and the cup and the grace God pours out through them. Anyone, of any age, who wants to know Jesus Christ, is welcome.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer #895 (UMH)

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

At the direction of the ushers, we welcome you to come down the center aisle and find a place at the communion rail as they become available. You may stand or kneel as you are able. The servers will give you the bread and the cup. "Amen" is an appropriate response to receiving the elements. You may stay at the rail as long as you wish in prayer and meditation, returning to your pew via the side aisles.

Sending

***Closing Song** "My Life Flows On" #2212 (TFWS)

***Blessing**

***Postlude** "Hyfrydol" Hymn Tune from "The English Hymnal"

*The following youth and adults will be participating in the Youth Mission Trip and traveling to St. Paul today through August 6. Please take time to pray for these participants: **Leighton Arnold, Jim Bublitz, Johanna Butler, Tyler Dean, Jacelyn Sackett, Abby Thilges and Tracy Youngberg.***

All are welcome to join us this afternoon at 2:30 PM as we pray over those leaving on Mission to St. Paul.
Please meet in the small parking lot.

Lead Pastor: Rev. Becky Jo Thilges

Coor. of Discipleship Ministries: Connie Sheely

Director of Youth Ministries: Jane Day

Minister of Pastoral Care: Jane Day

Director of Music: Joel Blair

Office Administrator: Traci Zent

Organist: Carlyle Horstmeier

Custodian: Mark Kessler

Our Resident Bishop: Rev. Sally Dyck

River Valley D.S.: Rev. Clay Oglesbee

Liturgist 9:00 AM: Marie Christianson

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The flowers on the altar are placed by Marie & Dick House in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

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