

The United Church

May 25, 2008

(* indicates that the members of the congregation stand if they are able)
(the prelude is the transition from the workday world into the presence of the Lord)
PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: O Praise the Lord with me.

All: Let us exalt God's name together.—Psalm 34:3

*OPENING HYMN: #572 *America, the Beautiful*

OPENING PRAYER:

L: Take Thou the burden, Lord, I am exhausted with this heavy load. My tired hands tremble, And I stumble, along the way. Oh, lead with Thine unfailing arm again today. Unless Thou lead, Lord, The road we journey on is all too hard. Through trust in Thee alone can we go on.
Song from the Slums Toyohiko Kagawa (1888-1968)

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE:

L: Lord Jesus, we want to be people who watch, who expect your coming; we want to grow in you, to be among those in whom the power of your hope is at work and who confess you in word and in deed. *Awaken us Lord.* Do not let us sleep. You speak your powerful word always anew throughout the ages. Give us ears to hear! Amen.
The Reformed Church of France, Eduard Thurneysen
(1888-1974)

SONG OF RESPONSE: #614 *Hear Our Prayer O Lord.*
ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Meet Lydia"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 131 A Song of Ascents. Of David (unison)

O Lord my heart is not proud
nor my look haughty;

I do not aspire to great things
or to what is beyond me;
--but I have taught myself to be contented
like a weaned child with its mother
like a weaned child am I in my mind.
O Israel, wait for the Lord
now and forever. The Jewish Bible, *Kethuvim*.

THE OLD TESTAMENT (page 679 in pew Bibles)

Isaiah 49:8-16a

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #498 *Peace Like A River*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: (page 6 in pew Bibles)

Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON: "A Closer Study of Field Flowers"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (insert)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #26 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: #493

``When peace like a river at-tend-eth my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, `It is well with my soul,` It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.``

Welcome all who worship with us. We are glad for this time together. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour after the service.