

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn "Let us Break Bread Together" Blue Hymnal #513

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Dedication "Take My Life" Blue Hymnal #391 (Verse 1)

*Benediction

Postlude



Thank you so much for supporting our group again this year for Relay for Life. We raised and donated \$500 to the cause and appreciate all who helped in any way. The church was represented with walkers into the wee hours. Try to join us next year if possible it is a great day and a wonderful cause. I apologize in advance if I miss anyone – walkers/supporters for the day were: Chad, Michelle, Emmersynn & Charleigh Chaney; Suzanne Dvorak; Gordon & Penny Wade; Rick & Jenni Schlichte; Christy, Madison & Ashlyn Schettler; Emma, Sam & Ben Schmitz; LaVonne Baumhover; Sandy Vennink; thanks to all who donated funds and for the after church cook-out as well!



"Emmie at Relay for Life" photo by Chad/Michelle

First Presbyterian Church of Carroll

"Serving God by Serving Others"

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Pastor Emeritus: John Rozendaal

July 11th, 2010

Greeters – Dale & Phyllis Petersen

Usher – Bob Running

Offering – Jeanie Running & Nancy O'Rourke

Organist – Sally Patten

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church of Carroll! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian or about joining please contact Pastor Mike Fitzsimmons on his cell @ 712-830-0625 or email firstpccarroll@msn.com

† *Congregation standing if able*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Meditation

Psychologists say that how you perceive strangers is a microcosm of how you perceive the world. A Good Samaritan focuses on giving. For instance if you find a wallet, you give it back intact. Yet, there are some who would find a wallet, take the money, but return the important stuff. And what if you find the wallet but really need the money right now, would that make it okay to keep it as long as you give back the important items? Is “finders-keepers” an ethical escape clause?

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of Jesus’ most familiar stories. So what does it mean to be God’s people? God’s people are never to play “finders-keepers,” nor are we to see ourselves more deserving or better than anyone else. What Jesus is teaching us in our passage this morning that we must learn a new way of being God’s people and a new way of understanding God’s kingdom! For starters, we must redefine our definition of “neighbor” to include the stranger and the outcast. Jesus lived that out when he spent time with the outcasts and strangers, and we can do the same.

Welcome

Prelude

† **Call to Worship** (excerpt from Psalm 66)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of His name.

Let us say, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.

Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 82

God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the “gods.”

How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I said, “You are ‘gods’; you are all sons and daughters of the Most High. But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

New Testament

Colossians 1: 10-14

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon:

“Like a Good Neighbor, (your name) is here”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†Hymn

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Blue Hymnal #398

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Blue Hymnal #592

†Hymn of Praise *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* Blue Hymnal #379
(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful Savior, daily we are given opportunities to be a good Samaritan-to show kindness, to offer encouragement, to affirm the worth of fellow human beings. And often, we fail to be the hands and heart of Jesus. We make excuses, and we avoid situations that are difficult, refusing to reach out with compassion and bind the wounds of those in need. Forgive us, Lord, we pray, and help us to walk in newness of life.

†Silent Confession

†Assurance of Pardon (in unison)

God’s mercy is sure and everlasting. Let us receive the Lord’s grace and mercy, let our hearts be cleansed and restored, and, having been made whole by your grace, may we leave this place to be a good Samaritan. Amen.

†Congregational Response *“Glory Be to the Father”* Blue Hymnal #577

†Peace of Christ

WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

O Lord, as we hear the familiar story of the Good Samaritan read and preached, give us ears to hear anew your Word to us. May we find the grace and mercy to allow your Word to reflect upon our lives as we in faithfulness reach out to others in your name. Amen.