

First United Methodist Church – Winona

September 26, 2010

Our Purpose: We acknowledge God’s presence in our lives, by the Holy Spirit, by scripture, by song, and through all children of God. If God is at work in your soul this week or during this worship service, you are welcome to come forward during the last hymn to acknowledge God’s presence in your life.

Call to Worship

***Opening Song**

***Responsive Reading**

Leader: We have been convinced by Jesus’ rising from the dead.

GOD’S PEOPLE: We know we have eternal life solely because of God’s prodigal mercy.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit continue to teach us how to care for Lazarus in response to our salvation.

GOD’S PEOPLE: May God increase our wisdom as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING - 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-12

People’s Prayer of Confession

GOD’S PEOPLE: Because of Christ’s priceless sacrifice, we live in the shelter of the Most High. Even so, the Evil One tries to tempt us into throwing ourselves off the roof, away from God.

Satan cons us into putting the Lord to foolish tests. That serpent hisses that we should warp our devotion to God into a love of money. Instead of providing bread for Lazarus, we stuff ourselves with French fries, full but not content.

We fight the half-hearted fight of our easily distracted faith. We fall prostrate before sex, entertainment and popularity, instead of bowing before Christ with good works arising from salvation.

Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. Rescue us from the Evil One, in the name of Jesus Christ. Who taught us to pray: “Our Father . . .”

***Glori Patri** *UMH 70*

Welcome – Recognition of Guests – Announcements

Sharing of Prayers & Praises – Pastoral Prayer

***Offertory Hymn**

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Because we love, not money, but you, we present these offerings. May they be used to honor you, including by feeding the poor. In the name of the one greater than Abraham, Moses, and the prophets we pray. Amen.

***Doxology**

***Praise & Worship Music**

Kid’s Time

Scripture Reading..... Luke 16:19-31

Reader – “This is The Word of God”

All – “Thanks be to God”

The Message..... *Rev. Paul E. Porter*

“What Will My Guilt Buy”

***Invitational Hymn**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn**

(*You may sit or stand, as you are able.)

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