

# **Evening Worship**

## **Bethany United Church**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Clergy: Rev. Beverly Matthews & Rev. Stephen Matthews

Secretary: Ms. Lisa Butt - Caretaker: Mr. Wayne Parsons

Organist for Service: Leslie Forward

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Supply Organists: Ruth Davidge, Sharon Dean and Louise Drover

**Special Guests: Grace Gospel Singers**

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**Gathering Choruses - Bethany Music Notes** (see next page)

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of A Wonderful Love (574)**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious God, we are bound in love at the foot of the cross and granted hope at the entrance of a empty tomb. Throughout all our travels and if we were to take flight to the ends of all the world, we would not find a friend as faithful and a lover of our very souls as powerful. So, we come to You with joy and an assurance that is ever strengthened by your enduring grace. Shake us by your Spirit and wrap us by the continuing story of your Word witnessing in our world. May this time of worship be a part of Your story of love reaching out to us. We open ourselves to You; open us up to receive You more fully than we can ever by our own strength. In the name of Jesus, we earnestly make this pray. AMEN**

**Special Singing**

**Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-16**

**Hymn: Just As I Am (508)**

**Prayer of Confession:**

What can I do for all my sins but humbly confess and lament them, and implore Your mercy without ceasing? In Your mercy, I implore You, hear me when I stand before You, my God. All my sins are most displeasing to me. I wish never to commit them again. I am sorry for them and will be sorry as long as I live. I am ready to do penance and make satisfaction to the utmost of my power. Forgive me, O God, forgive me my sins for Your Holy Name. Save my soul which You have redeemed by Your most precious Blood. See, I place myself at Your mercy. I commit myself to Your hands. Deal with me according to Your goodness, not according to my malicious and evil ways. I offer to You also all the good I have, small and imperfect though it be, that You may make it more pure and more holy, that You may be pleased with it, render it acceptable to Yourself, and perfect it more and more, and finally that You may lead me to a good and happy end.<sup>1</sup>

**AMEN**

*1.(From The Imitation of Christ)*

**Special Singing**

**Choruses**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn: Shall We Gather At The River (710)**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Special Singing:**

**Hymn: The Day You Gave Us, God is Ended (438)**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Congregation is invited downstairs  
for a time of fellowship and tea.**

'Thomas Kempis: The Imitation of Christ. Oak Harbor, WA : Logos Research Systems, 1996