

# ELKHART CITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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1716 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

November 7, 2004  
9:00 A.M.

## Living the Life of Discipleship

*Rooted in God, Growing in Jesus, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit*

PRELUDE "Open Our Eyes with Be thou My Vision" arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship

Steve De Pue

*What matters is that whatever songs or forms we use keep us aware that God has invited us into worship, that God is present, that God is eminently worthy to receive our praise, that there is so much to learn about God that we will never get done. The question is whether our worship immerses us in God's splendor. Our world is desperate for God, and desperately needs worship services where God is encountered in as much of his fullness as possible.*

Marva Dawn

HYMN (insert) "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Long ago, a man named John was exiled on the island of Patmos. In the closing chapter of Revelation he described a vision of the city of God that will come at the close of history. John's vision is shaping our vision of ministry.

**All: A crystal bright, Water-of-Life River flowed from the throne of God down the middle of the street.**

One: The Tree of Life was planted by the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit.

**All: The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations.**

One: The throne of God is at the center, and his servants will offer God service.

**All: Our church is rooted like a tree, drawing life from the river of God's love.**

One: Our church is growing in Jesus and learning to live by the marks of discipleship.

**All: Our church shall bear fruit in the Spirit by inviting others to walk by faith.**

One: As we worship, let us thank God for the signs of new life among us.

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

ANTHEM "Revelation 19" LaValley/arr. Schrader

REFLECTIONS Steve De Pue

### Bible Study

Angi Marcini

*The Bible tells us the stories we need and want to hear – stories to help us live, stories to help us die, and stories to help us believe we shall live again. Listening to them, we are called into relationship with the one who tells them to us. Believing them, we are changed. Like a lifeline strung from the beginning of time to the end, they show us a way through all the storms of culture, nature, and history. They show us the way to the Word beyond all our words.*

Barbara Brown Taylor

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:14-17

REFLECTIONS

HYMN NO. 143 (Renew) "Thy Word"

Pauline Arnold

### Prayer

*Discipleship churches are schools of prayer. The church's responsibility is not to control whether or how anyone prays, but simply to provide opportunities to learn and experience the many ways and wonders of prayer.*

Michael Foss

SCRIPTURE Luke 11: 1-4

REFLECTIONS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN NO. 143 (Renew) "Change My Heart, O God"

Walt Gilliland

### Service

*We don't need extraordinary gifts to be called by God to a special purpose in life. We simply need to be willing to do something necessary for God's purposes. Jesus has already set an example of humility, service, and compassion that is a permanent call to all his disciples. If we answer God's call, even though we feel inadequate, we will have the help and strength we need.*

Jimmy Carter

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-4

REFLECTIONS

HYMN NO. 307 (Blue) "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

## Caring Relationships

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*We are to look beyond the externals, those marks and signs of appearance, dress, and ways of speech which so easily encourage us to judge others in terms of class, education, money, and social position. Each person is made in the image of Christ, a mystery to respect, a creation to treat with greatest reverence. The church must be our primary community. The congregation is where we are formed in Christ. We are living signs that strangers can come together in Christ, care for one another, and hold one another up.*

Jean

Esther de Waal

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4 :11-16

REFLECTIONS

HYMN NO. 420 (Blue)

*" Heart With Loving Heart United"*

## Giving

*You are asked in the time that you have to use wisely what you have been given for the Kingdom of God. You must consider not only how you spend your time but how you spend your money, and how you use your talent as well. The gifts that you have do not belong to you; they are not yours to possess but rather they are yours to improve. What can we do for the Kingdom? John Wesley said: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."*

Peter Gomes

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8: 1-5, 8-15

MEDITATION

Pastor David Bibbee

**"Delightful Givers"**

DEDICATING OUR 2005 GIVING PLANS

\* PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 172 (Renew)

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward and bring your sealed giving plans in an act of consecration. It is understood that the opportunity to give is not a requirement for friends and visitors of the church. Giving is our grateful response to the blessings God has given us, and expresses our commitment to strengthen the ministries of our congregation.

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand, as you are able



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