

# Creekside Church of the Brethren

June 26, 2005, 9:00 A.M.

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1716 Benham Ave. Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To obey the strongest appetites for drink, sex, power, revenge, or whatever, leaves us the freedom of an animal to take what he wants when he wants it but not the freedom of a person to be a human... The old prayer speaks of God *"in whose Service is perfect freedom."* The paradox means that to obey Love himself, who above all else wishes us well, leaves us the freedom to be the best and gladdest that we have it in us to become. The only freedom Love denies us is the freedom to destroy ourselves.

--Frederick Buechner

### HYMN SING

Hymn No. 580 (Blue)

Hymn No. 507 (Blue)

Hymn No. 512 (Blue)

*"My Life Flows On"*

*"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"*

*"If All You Want, Lord"*

### THE SERVICE OF GATHERING

*Welcome + Announcements + Prayer Requests*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Vardaman

One: The world teaches us that freedom means living according to what we want.

**All: Make us captives, Lord, and then we shall be free.**

One: The world teaches us that might is right and peace only comes through strength.

**All: Force us to render up our swords, and we shall a conquerors be.**

One: The world teaches us to stand on our own two feet and fix ourselves by ourselves.

**All: We sink in life's alarms when by ourselves we stand.**

One: The world teaches us we are never as strong as when we rely none but ourselves.

**All: Imprison us within your arms, and strong shall be our hands.**

#### \*INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, we are guilty of attempting to cut you down to size, of trying to enlist you in the service of our own projects and desires, and of vainly remaking you into our image. We confess to the littleness of our ideas about you. Encounter us in all your glory. Ravish us with your beauty. Sweep away all petty idolatries from our hearts. Come to us, speak to us, and overwhelm us with your wonder. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 120 (Blue)

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

### ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Mastic

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

(Angi Marcin and Mark Arnold)

OFFERING

Surely biblical people would have given higher percentages of their income to the church as they moved from unheard-of wealth in terms of all earlier periods of history to even greater, more astounding levels of material abundance. Instead, we have doubled the size of our already spacious homes and the capacity of our garages while reducing the percentages of our giving.

--from Ron Sider

Why Are Christians Living Like the Rest of the World?

Offertory

*"Offertory on 'Stuttgart'"*

\*Response no. 388 (Blue)

*"Grant Us, Lord, the Grace"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

### GROWING IN JESUS

GOSPEL LESSON

HYMN NO. 539 (Blue)

*"Make Me a Captive, Lord"*

SERMON

**"Responsible Freedom"**

Pastor David Eis

### THE SERVICE OF ANOINTING

THE INVITATION

\*HYMN NO. 499 (SDA Hymnal)

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*If you desire anointing, you may come forward during the last verse of the hymn. If you do not wish to stand, you may be seated on the front pew.*

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Hymn No. 500 (SDA Hymnal)

*"Take Time to Be Holy"*

\*LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able

Today: June 19, 2005

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages  
 Preaching..... Pastor Dave Eis  
 Worship Leader..... Lisa Vardaman  
 Organist..... Marilee Gilliland  
 Pianist ..... Shelley Randall  
 Hymn Leader..... Rosanna McFadden  
 Children's Message..... Laurie Mastic  
 Acolyte..... Carly Losee  
 Worship Childcare..... Carolyn Colver  
 Sound System Engineer ..... Gary Arnold  
 Facility closing..... Gary Arnold

**Next Sunday: July 3, 2005**

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages  
 Preaching..... Pastor David Bibbee  
 Worship Leader..... Vicki Ehret  
 Organist..... Esther Buchanan  
 Pianist .....  
 Hymn Leader..... Angi Marcin  
 Children's Message.....  
 Acolyte.....  
 Worship Childcare..... Jeff & Gail Vance  
 Sound System Engineer ..... Gary Arnold  
 Facility closing.....

**Our mission:**

Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we

**Seek** God's love in our lives

**Celebrate** God's love in vital worship

**Share** God's love through acceptance, service, and witness

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