

Creekside Church of the Brethren

July 31, 2005, 9:00 A.M.

23818 CR 10, Elkhart (interim location)
1716 Benham Ave. Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The world sees crises and all the reasons they can't be overcome. A theology of scarcity buys into this destructive perspective. We focus on the problem rather than the Problem Solver we worship. God can take the meager supplies of our lives and turn them into abundance. What if...having tested our vision against the truth of God's Word and the best thinking of the discipleship community, we acted in the confidence of God's abundance? --Michael Foss

HYMN SING (8:55 A.M.)

NO. 545 (Blue)

NO. 395 "

"Be Thou My Vision"

"Here I Am, Lord"

THE SERVICE OF GATHERING

Welcome + Announcements + Prayer Requests

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Pletcher

One: The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

All: May our hearts be receptive to the Word.

One: The love of God rains down on us.

All: May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

One: The breath of God blow gently within us.

All: May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

*INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

For summer fields full of life; for long summer days with surplus hours of enjoyment; for something so wondrous as a lightning bug, and a world so full of purposeless, pointless, mysterious beings all there for our delight; for your church gathered here today to pray and sing and enjoy one another and the great, generous, gracious you; we praise you. Thank you for so rich a season that you filled with wonder, that you breathed life into us and gave us a share of your divine creativity. For all of this, O God, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 89 (Blue)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Mastic

CALL TO PRAYER (insert)

"You Are My All in All"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN NO. 521 (Blue)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

OFFERING

Christianity tells us to enjoy life as the gift of a gracious creator, thankful for our blessings. It is in our attitude toward possessions and not in the actual ownership of them that the danger lies. The major problem facing the church is not poverty – it is affluence. --Joseph Yeakel

Offertory

*Response no. 93 (Blue)

"Lord, Bless the Hands"

*Prayer of Dedication

GROWING IN JESUS

EPISTLE LESSON

Matthew 14: 13-21

SERMON

"Having Enough and Then Some"

David Bibbee

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

*HYMN NO. 266 (Renew)

"Give Thanks"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Today: July 31, 2005

The Eleventh 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 David Bibbee
 Worship Leader..... Bill Pletcher
 Organist..... Marilee Gilliland
 Pianist..... Rosanna McFadden
 Hymn Leader..... Janet Berkebile
 Children's Message..... Laurie Mastic
 Acolyte..... Darren Vance
 Worship Childcare..... Tim McFadden
 Sound System Engineer..... Gary Arnold

Next Sunday: August 7, 2005

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages
 Worship Leader..... Sabrina Frtiz
 Organist..... Esther Buchanan
 Special..... Cara Mastic
 Hymn Leader..... Janet Berkebile
 Children's Message..... Karen Eis
 Acolyte..... Cody Vance
 Worship Childcare..... Jim & Gail Vance
 Sound System Engineer..... Gary Arnold

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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