

~September 18, 2011 ~
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship for 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Guests!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this day.
If you are a guest we would like to invite you to be our guest to
A Refreshment Time following Worship.*

*Congregation, please stand if able.

II. PREPARATION

PRELUDE

(Acolytes bring forth the Altar Lights and the Prayer Journal)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Person #1: I am a good Christian.

MANY: What do you mean?

Person #2: Well, I go to church every Sunday.

MANY: That is not enough.

Person #3: Well, I rarely take the Lord's name in vain, and I almost never lie, and even when I do, it's just a little one.

MANY: That is not enough.

Person #4: I visit my parents.

MANY: That is not enough.

Person #5: Well, I've never stolen anything, and I've certainly never killed anyone.

MANY: It's still not enough.

Person #6: What then? What is enough?

Pastor: *You must love God. We must love God. With our hearts. With our minds. With our bodies. With our souls. We must love our neighbors. We must love ourselves.*

ALL: Let us put our love into motion as we worship the One who's taught us to love.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

No. 454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(As the hymn of prayer begins playing please return to your seats)

II. PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER:

TFWS 2165

"Cry of My Heart"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord we are a stiff-necked people. If things are not done in our favor, at our timing, for our good pleasure, then it must be wrong. It is out of our fear, impatience and stubbornness that we make really bad decisions; that not only hurts us but others and most importantly our relationship with you.

It is in these moments of clarity that we can see clearly your love and your ultimate plan for us and our journeys through this life.

(you are invited to pray in silence)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE followed by
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Ushers come forward)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

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MEMORY VERSE: *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light!"*

1 Peter 8:9

***DOXOLOGY**

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III. WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM *In Remembrance of Me* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN OF THE WORD No. 393
"Spirit of the Living God"

*SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34
MESSAGE Johnny Gonzales
"It's About Love"

IV. RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH HYMN TFWS 2160.
"Into My Heart"
(Bringing of the communion bread to the Lord's Table)

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 402
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
(Acolytes come forward and carry Christ's Light out)

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so.

People: We go forth from this place trusting that in loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbor as our self the kingdom of God may come to this world.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE



*"Love
the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength."*

Mark 12:30



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Prayers for Nursing Home and Homebound:

Irma Arvelo; Delia Cole; Ed & Regina Davis;

Prayers for People in Military Service:

Jesus Benevidas; Ignacio Berrones

Prayers of Concern from Our Church: Elaine Anthony; Emily Ashley; Lupe & Betty Ayala, Irma & Americo Arvelo; Val Atkinson; Allison Boykin; Richard Buchin; Raul & Mariluz Capistran; Family of Dr. Kenneth Cole; Giovanni Diaz; Jack Dyas; David Eversdyke; Stephen Garza; Bill Gibson; Stephen & Lisa Greer & family; Ron Horton; Jo Ann Irwin; Tom Johnson; Miriam Lindo; David & Connie Lipe and Triplets; Sam Magee; Amanda Mendez; Jose Montalvo; Darrold (D.J.) Moody; Pastor Melissa Nelson; Paula Nunez; Anna Patton; Shane Pederson; Lisa Ramirez; Family of Margaret Davis-(grandmother of Somer Robb); Ruth Robertson; Ray Rodriguez; Ralph Salinas; Will Swenson; Sue & Steve Utley; Rosy Vergil, Tex Voekhl; Jerry Wheaton; Bill Wheeler; Steve Wittig; Elaine Wisely; Eddie Worthington

Prayers for the United Methodist Church: God's Will for Los Fresnos UMC, All Missionaries especially from LFUMC, LFUMC Choir; FUMC Brownsville; Men's & Women's Emmaus Walks; Spanish Speaking Service

Prayers for the Church Staff: Bishop Jim Dorff & Cabinet, Rev. Laura Merrill our District Superintendent, Our Church Staff: Dominique Brock & Veronica Sanchez, Juan & Sylvia Carranza, Barbara Romero, Anne Zufelt and Melissa Nelson

Prayers for Our World: Border Patrol; Coram Deo Classical Christian Academy, Our Nation & Our Leaders; Leaders of the World; Children in danger; Forgotten Christians; Gonzalo Salazar & LF Schools; People of Japan, Mexico, Middle East, Norway; Victims of tornadoes, floods, extreme heat and hurricane aftermath. For the people in the Wild Fires of Texas

Prayers of Praises: Birthdays and Anniversaries

(over)



If you know of someone who is hospitalized or needs prayer, please give the name to Pastor Melissa or Barb at the office: 233-5760 or e-mail

to losfresnosumc@sbcglobal.net.

This Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Coffee with Pastor Melissa
9:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. – Spanish Worship Service

September 11, 2011 Gifts and Presence Report

\$ 1,533.00

(Needed weekly \$2,763.00 to meet obligations)

Attendance 9:00am Worship Service 65

Sunday School 29 Spanish Service 8



Ministry Opportunities & Announcements

September 18-24, 2011

Today, September 18: Adult Sunday School Class

Max On Life We have questions. Max Lucado shares Biblical answers to life's most important questions. Please join us.

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group in Lipe Room

Thursdays: 12 Noon Fitness & Wellness Class in FH



Tuesday, Sept.27, 6:00pm: Finance Meeting

7:00pm: Ad Council meeting in Lipe Rm.

October newsletter will be **emailed**- Please submit your email address to the office by emailing losfresnosumc@sbcglobal.net

Note: Donations for TX Wild Fire Victims- Please make checks to LFUMC with notation of TX Wild Fires Advance # 2050

Next Sunday Living Proof will be ministering & performing