

**Downey United Methodist Church**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2009**

“Downey United Methodist Church is a church rich in tradition, yet keeping stride in an ever changing world. It is our mission to connect people to God and God’s love through Jesus Christ. We are a multi-cultural church, whose doors are open to families and individuals of all ages. We provide everyone an opportunity to grow through faith, prayer and fellowship. We welcome you to come and experience the possibilities of a life with God.”

If this is your first time worshiping with us, please ask an usher for a visitor information packet. If you need hearing assistance, our ushers can provide you with an assisted hearing device. If you have children with you this morning, they are welcome to start the worship hour with you in the sanctuary, come forward for our children’s time at the start of the service, and then go to Sunday School with the rest of the children. Nursery care is available for children ages 0-3 year old. You are also invited to keep your children with you in worship.

Thank you for being with us today. May God bless you and keep you this day and always.

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**CORE Principles**

- C** ommitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
  - O** ffering Praise to God Through Worship.
  - R** eaching Out to the Unchurched in the World.
  - E** quipping and Empowering Believers to Become Mature Disciples.
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**Sundays at DUMC**

- 8:45 AM, Crusaders Adult Sunday School Class (Lounge)
- 8:45 AM, Seekers Adult Sunday School Class (Room 117)
- 9:30 AM, Nursery Care (Infant—3 yrs old, Room 103)
- 10:00 AM, Servicio en Español (Lounge)
- 10:00 AM, Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM, H2O Youth Sunday School Class (Coffee House)
- 10:15 AM, Children’s Sunday School
- (Preschool—1st Grade, Room 204; 2nd—5th grade, Room 217)
- 11:15 AM, Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 AM, Youth Fellowship, 6th—12th grade (Youth Room)

**PRELUDE** “Awake, O Sleeper” Miller

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 (You are welcome to fill out a prayer request card located in the pew. Please place them in the offering plate so that we may pray for all requests in the coming week).

**SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE**  
 (Please stand and greet those around you)

**INTROIT** “Come, Come Everybody Worship”

**CALL TO WORSHIP \***

Reader: We come before you today O God, humbly seeking to know you and your ways!

**People: Accept us as we are, for who we are here, today!**

Reader: Remind us that we are yours and that you will always love us!

**All: Help us give ourselves to you and your love and to be willing to follow you wherever you may seek to lead us!**

**OPENING PRAYER \***

**OPENING HYMN \*** UMH 101  
 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 130

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER**

Sharing our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord’s Prayer

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
 Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION \*** UMH 583  
 “You are the Seed”

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lui Tran  
 “The Purpose of Giving”

**ANTHEM** “Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God”

**SHARING OUR GIFTS OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**  
 Reader: At this time please prepare your hearts and gifts of stewardship for the offering as the ushers come forward.

Offertory “Minuet in Classical Style” Hoban  
 Doxology \* UMH 95  
 Prayer of Dedication

**CLOSING HYMN \*** UMH 102  
 “Now Thank We All Our God”

**BLESSING**

**RESPONSE** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
 (v. 1)

**POSTLUDE** “Allegretto” Handel

**\* Please stand as you are able.**

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**Prayer Requests**

**New:** Maurice Crenshaw, Diana Leung, Grace Sheehy, Don Terranove, Blance Hammond, Harriett, Elsie Bakonis, Ralph Welch, Lee and Diane Wassgren, Cheryl Walker, Brett Thomas, Angelina Parker

**Continued:** Darrell Deuel, Zak & Brandon Ahrndt, John Kyle and Dakota Ahrndt, Aurora Parker, Jordan Ahrndt, Ashely and Michael Ahrndt, Bertha Butler, Esther Sproule, Ethel Lane, Mary Lash

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

We will be scheduling a **Discipleship Class** for new Members in the very near future. Time and date to be announced.

After completing this class you will be presented to the congregation as a new member Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22nd.

If you are interested please call the Church office and make an appointment To meet with Pastor Lui so that you may become better acquainted.

Martha Pfershy Membership Secretary

# Announcements

**Today:** Youth Group, 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Women's Prayer Group** - Every Monday, 7pm (Library)

**Men's Bible Study** - Every Monday, 7pm (Room 117)

**Granny Squares** - Every Tuesday, 9:30am (Library)

**Youth Bowling** - Will be going on Tuesday, June 30th to Del Rio Lanes from 1—4pm, meet at church at 1pm

**Busy Bee Craft Class** - Every Wednesday, 7pm (Library)

**Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal** - Every Thursday, 7:30pm (Choir Room)

# Information

## Visitors

We would love for you to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a time of fellowship - stay, have a cup of coffee or a glass of punch. Let's get acquainted! Our coffee hour today is hosted by the Missions Committee. Your gifts will support our special mission projects.

## Members as well as Visitors

Please record your attendance at the worship service in the attendance pads located in each pew. If you wish to know more about the church and it's ministries, please indicate on the attendance pad.

If you would like to get to know Pastor Lui, please find a sign in sheet in Fellowship Hall or Church Office.

**If you need an assistive hearing device, please ask one of our ushers.**

**Nursery Care is available for those children under 3 years old, starting at 9:45am each Sunday.**

## The Purpose of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. <sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. <sup>9</sup> You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. <sup>10</sup> Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. <sup>11</sup> Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. <sup>12</sup> Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. <sup>13</sup> Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. <sup>14</sup> Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. <sup>15</sup> As the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough."

1. Giving is an expression of Christian love and excellence (v. 7-8).
2. Giving is our grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ (v. 9).
3. Giving is evidence of our commitment and sincerity (v.10-12).
4. Giving promotes social justice and equality (v. 13-15).

**But just as you**

**excel in everything ...**

**see that you also excel**

**in this grace of giving.**

**2 Corinthians 8:7**



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**“A place to connect...to God, to people, and to faith”**