

# "E" Epistle

United Presbyterian Church of Cedar Grove, New Jersey

Week Leading to Sunday, August 15, 2010

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**10:00 AM**  
**Communion**

## **Thought for the Week**

We are people who live in insecure times. We long for security, sometimes seeing religion as a means to more secure lives. Yet Jesus says that he has come to provoke a crisis, to bring fire on the earth, that is, to provoke a crisis in our security. We live in insecure times, not necessarily because of terrorists or ecological disasters but rather because of Jesus!

## **Scripture**

Luke 12:49-56

## **Introduction to the Reading**

**Luke 12:49-56:** Jesus declares that his startling mission is to cast fire upon the earth and to divide families, saying that he has come to work remarkable change in the world.

## **Sermon**

*Jesus: "I Came to Bring Fire to the Earth."*

## Hymns

*Come, Risen Lord*  
*Just as I am, Without One Plea*  
*Sheaves of Summer*  
*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

## Prayer

Jesus, we are trying to follow you. Some days, discipleship is a great joy, particularly when you are in a gracious mood and you say things to us we like to hear. We like to hear you talk about peace, about forgiveness, about eternal life, and other sweet-sounding blessings.

But there are other times when you are difficult to follow, difficult to take, when being your disciple is a real pain. Sometimes you say things to us that we can't understand. And at other times you say things to us that we can fully understand but we really don't like!

In these moments, we don't know what to do with you.

But maybe that is the point. In following you as your disciples, our job is not to do something with you, but rather to have you do something with us. We are full of misunderstanding, misapprehension, and fear when you speak to us such demanding words. We wonder if you made a mistake in calling us to be your disciples.

And yet, you did call us. Perhaps you know what to do with us. Even now, even now in prayer, we are changing, you are transforming us, you are pulling us toward yourself, remaking us into the faithful followers you would have us to be. Let it be. Amen.

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## FALL FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

### What are your plans for the Fall?

We are thinking about taking a trip this fall with our members and friends of UPCCG! We would like to go to the Paper Mill Playhouse this October to see the show "Hairspray" and are wondering if you would be interested in joining us? Please fill out this form and return to church or email Jamie Lynn at [mustangsally416@aol.com](mailto:mustangsally416@aol.com) so we can see if we can generate enough interest to go.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of attendees:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred date (circle one):**

October 2

October 9

October 16

**Ticket price (circle one):**

\$27.50 (rear mezzanine)

\$47.30 (front mezzanine/rear orchestra)

\$61.70 (front orchestra)

\*\*Please note that we do not all have to sit in the same section. Also note that the higher up you go, the more steps there will be.

If we have enough people interested in going, we will have more information for you soon! Please return your form as soon as possible. Hope you will join us!

Thanks,

Jamie Lynn Coryell