

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, October 26th, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" UMH # 365

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

God crowns the year with bounty.

The Lord silences the roaring seas.

God quiets the tumult of the people.

The Lord makes old men dream dreams.

God makes young girls see visions.

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*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH # 158

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Giver of dreams and visions, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, for we long to feel your presence in the tumult of our lives. Show your portents in the heavens, and your signs on the earth and seas, that all may know to humble themselves and dwell within your courts, living in peace and harmony with one another. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Merciful God, you prepare us for the marathon of life, but we act as if it were a sprint. We are tired from fighting the good fight. We are exhausted from running the race. We are weary from keeping the faith. Come to us once more, O God, and speak your words of promise, for we need your quiet center to silence the tumult of our lives. Bless us with prophesy, revive our dreams, and guide us with visions, that we may stay strong until the end, and receive your righteous crown. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ, we share a crown of righteousness with those who love him and long for his appearance. Rejoice and be glad! **Thanks be to God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

- 10** "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- 11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- 12** I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'
- 13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'
- 14** I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

MESSAGE “Filled with Humility or Hollow with Pride” Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” UMH # 351

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH # 396

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" UMH # 369
 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" UMH # 672

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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Pharisee and the Publican, 1886-1894, Tissot, James,
1836-1902, Brooklyn Museum, Watercolor, New York, NY, United States

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The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.