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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Let mutual love continue, as it gathers your family and friends close. Let mutual love increase, as it extends to the stranger, the lost, and the lonely.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Harlan Otter

***Call to Worship** Chris Prause

With gifts of praise,
we come to worship.
With heartfelt prayers,
we come to worship and pray.
With open minds, eager to grow,
we come to worship and grow this day.

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might create a house of such hospitality and love that all may feel truly welcome. Reach out through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might reach out beyond our walls to the stranger, the lost, and the lonely, and that we might discover how abundant your love truly is. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Gather Us In" (v1,2&4) TFSW#2236

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Chris Prause

God of love and grace, flow through our messy lives with your abundant grace. When we would close our hearts and doors, open us to share your grace with others. When we would neglect the needs of your world, forgive us so abundantly that we might be moved to give as abundantly as we have received. When we let pride and self-interest rule our days, forgive us so miraculously that we might live with humility and selflessness. In your abundant love and miraculous grace, may your world come to know your ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "You Who Are Thirsty" (x2) TFWS#2132

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13 Chris Prause

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. **5** Thus says the LORD:
What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me

and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

6 They did not say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

8 The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers^[a] transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 14:1,7-14 Chris Prause

14 On one occasion when Jesus^[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and

say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reflecting on God's Message "Maybe They Just Forgot." Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem Harlan Otter

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

Generous God, bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be gifts of abundance and grace for a world in need. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "How Shall They Hear the Word of God" UMH#649

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

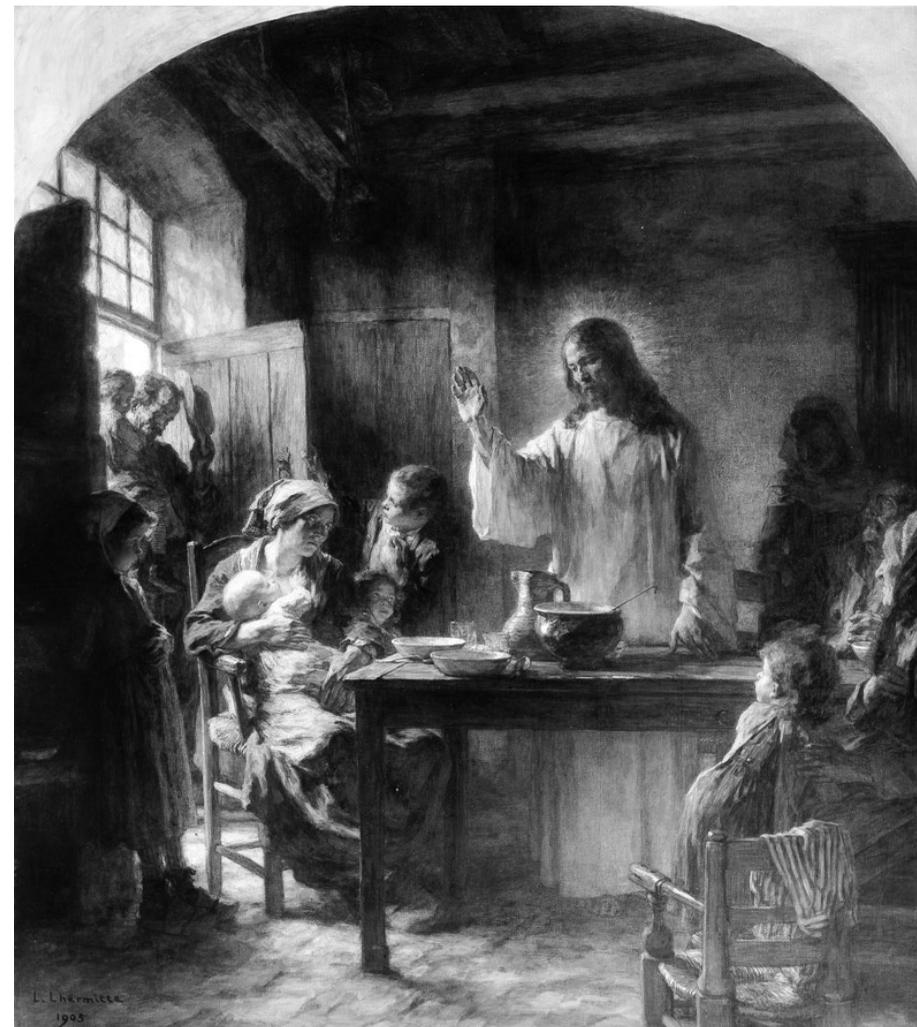
Benediction

Postlude

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*Lhermitte, Léon Augustin, 1844-1925. Among the Humble

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | 8.28.2022 | 9:00 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.