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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:

Be rich in the good things you do, that you may take hold of what is truly life.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Sanctuary”

Chancel Choir

by John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

***Call to Worship**

Sheltered by God,

we come now to worship.

Invited by Christ,

we come now to pray.

Welcomed by the Spirit,

we gather as the people of God.

Pat Tripp

***Opening Prayer**

Sheltering God, as we worship you this day, cover us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Gather us in the goodness of your grace, that we may experience your comforting presence and your powerful protection. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Majesty”

UMH#176

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

Children’s Message

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Pat Tripp

O God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain. When we forget to be refuge for others in trouble, forgive us. Turn our gaze to the poor Lazaruses of our world, for we would rather look away. Guide our lives to be places of shelter for others, as you have been shelter for us. Strengthen us with your grace, that we may offer our mercy and help to the needy, as you have offered your mercy and help to us. Draw us back into the protection of your forgiveness and grace. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

“Are Ye Able”(v1,2&4)

UMH#530

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pat Tripp

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, so that^[a] we can take nothing out of it, **8** but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **9** But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made^[b] the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you **14** to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. **16** It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, **19** thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

(Interlude)

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:19-31

Pat Tripp

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20** And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] **24** He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. **26** Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ **27** He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— **28** for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ **29** Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to

them.' **30** He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' **31** He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Reflecting on God's Message "Growing Good Corn" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem "O Magnify the Lord"
by Melodie Tunney Chancel Choir

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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 UMH #95

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

Generous God, open our hearts and our wallets to be as generous with others as you are with us. Bless the gifts we offer to you, that they may be gifts of generous love for others. May we be generous givers of our time, talent, treasure, and service, that others may find in us generous and loving friends. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "You Are My All in All" W&S#3040

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 Harlan Otter

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*Fall into Ruin of the House of God

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.25.2022 | 9:30 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.***