



**\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

***Italicized Bold print*** invites congregational response in unison.

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

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**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude** Martha McMahon

**Words to Ponder:**

Rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. God has blessed God's people with many gifts and promises, and we humbly thank our God.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** Martha McMahon

God has called our daughters and sons to gather, old and young alike.

**We are here to answer God's call.**

Let us rejoice in the many gifts God has provided.

**We are here to praise God's goodness.**

Let us worship and praise God with all our might.

**\*Opening Prayer**

Amazing God, we come to give you thanks for everything your people have received. May we feel the joy our ancestors felt at their vindication and restoration. Open us to your call, to witness to your grace, in the words and actions of our lives. Help us pray without pride or guile, that we may receive the greatest gift of all— being in your presence forever and always. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Awesome God" (x2) TFWS#2040

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

**\*Baptism of Bella & Arianna O'Rourke** Pastor Ed

**Children's Message** Pastor Ed

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Martha McMahon

We are here, O God, to worship and to pray. We are here to give you thanks for all you

have given us. Forgive us when we feel a bit proud of our prayers and our actions as your people. Remake us when we look down on the marginalized and those who are different. Help us see all people as your beloved ones and act accordingly. Help us truly be sons and daughters of your love, who know what we are called to do no matter our age or our circumstances. Help us dream dreams of justice, and then live those dreams into reality, and we strive to be your beloved community. When we take your gifts for granted, help us run the race you set before us, and help us work to make the world what you created it to be.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response** "Have Thine Own Way Lord" (v1,2&4) UMH#382

**Scripture Reading** 2Timothy 4:6-8 Martha McMahon

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 18:9-14 Martha McMahon

**The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

**9** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **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."

**Reflecting on God's Message** "There Were These Two Men..." Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Ed

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Ed

**\*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

God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH#77

**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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\* Millais, John Everett, 1829-1896. Pharisee and the Publican

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | 10.23.2022 | 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.*