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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:**

Is anything too wonderful for God? What shall we return to God for all of God's bounty?

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

By Ernest Sands

Chancel Choir

\*Kelly O'Rourke on Trumpet

Mary Prause

**\*Call to Worship**

People of God, run to our welcoming God.

**Holy One, you never pass us by.**

People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

**Beloved One, you hear our voices;**

**you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

**Empowering One, you give us power**

**to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Loving God, you remind us that the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Open our eyes, our faith, and our hearts, that we may perceive and celebrate your presence.

Give us eyes, as Abraham and Sarah before us, to see you on our doorsteps, as you promise us unimaginable joy.

Give us the faith of Paul to trust your eternal and unfailing love.

Give us hearts empowered by your Son, Jesus Christ, to show your compassion to the harassed and the helpless.

We ask in the name of Jesus, who reconciles us to you and sends us forth to be your reconciliation in the world. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Gather Us In"

TFWS#2236

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

Pastor Ed

**Children's Message** \*see insert

Terri Hudak

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (responsively)**

Mary Prause

Ever-present, ever-listening, and ever-empowering God,

**we often fall short when responding to your love.**

You promise us blessings,

**yet we often laugh in cynicism and disbelief.**

You always love us,

**yet we often act distant and even hostile.**

You empower us to be your loving presence,

**yet we often seek this power for ourselves.**

We call upon you now,

**knowing that you hear our voices and our supplications.**

We call upon you in this place,

**knowing that no accomplishment is too wonderful for you to accomplish.**

For there is no limit to your love for all people,

**and there is no end to your mercy.**

In Jesus's name, we pray.

**Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

UMH#141

**\*Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mary Prause

**6** So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. **10** For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

**The Ministry of Reconciliation**

**11** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;<sup>[a]</sup> even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,<sup>[b]</sup> we no longer know him in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there<sup>[c]</sup> is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!<sup>[d]</sup>

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9:35- 10:8

Mary Prause

**The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few**

**35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**The Twelve Apostles**

**10** Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. **2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon,

also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;<sup>[a]</sup> **4** Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

#### The Mission of the Twelve

**5** These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, **6** but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’<sup>[a]</sup> **8** Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**Reflecting on God’s Message** “Pizza.” Pastor Ed

#### Prayers of the People

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Ed

**Offertory anthem** “All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice” Chancel Choir  
by Antonio Vivaldi

**\*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

Loving God, what shall we return to you for your great bounty in our lives?  
Your generosity knows no limits.  
Your loving compassion pours into our hearts and our very beings.  
We thank you.  
We call upon you, trusting your love.  
We offer you all that we have and all that we are, hoping for your glory and desiring your kingdom. Amen.

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Sending Hymn** “Go Ye, Go Ye into the World” (x2) TFWS#2239

#### Lord’s Prayer

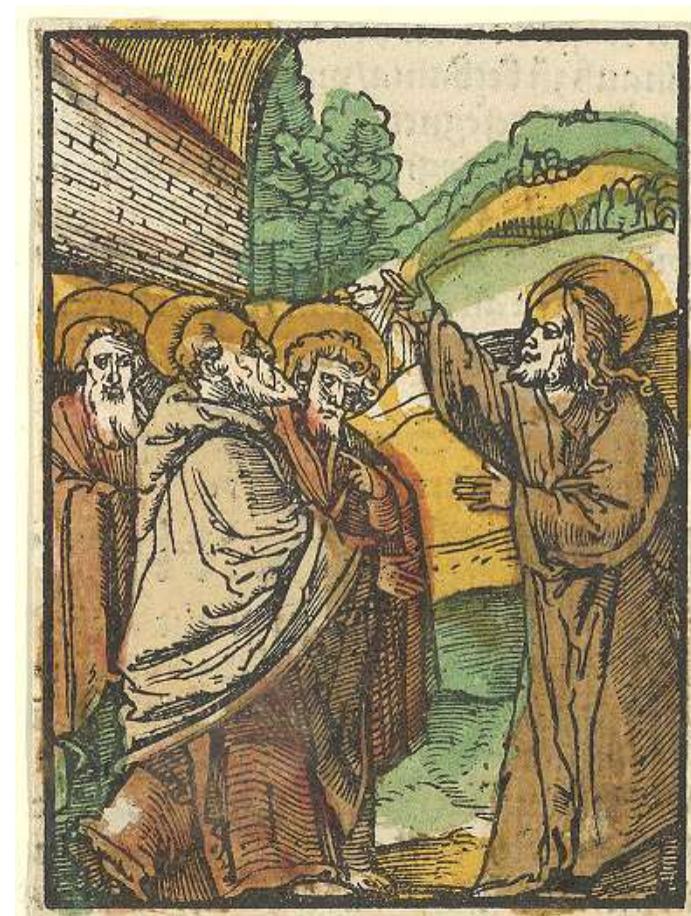
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

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** Pastor Ed

**Postlude** Harlan Otter

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\* Schäufelein, Hans, approximately 1480-approximately 1539. Christ Teaching the Disciples

# Third Sunday After Pentecost

## 6.18.2023 | 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.**

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## Father's Day/ Recognition Sunday Program

#1. The children will be participating in the music ministry:

**Bell Choir, Children's Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir will perform the Children's Message Music:**

**"Zacchaeus" arr. Karen Thompson**

#2. Announcement, following church we are having a celebratory

"Ice Cream Sundae."

#3. Children's message is based on

Luke 19: "Jesus seeks out the Lost"

The Story of Zacchaeus, as provided by Godly Play Foundation.... Terri Hudak

#4. Recognizing the volunteers who helped with our Sunday School children (alphabetically): They will please come forward to be recognized & given a small gift of gratitude.

1. *Jonathon Aragones ( Doorperson: walk the children to Sunday school room and quiets them in readiness for the class; takes attendance, helps the storyteller in class)*
2. *Kirra Hopp (Doorperson)*
3. *Lynn Singleton (Doorperson & Director of the Kids bell choir)*
4. *Martha McMahan (Doorperson )*
5. *Mary Prause (Doorperson and assist with Kids Bells)*
6. *Mike Hopp (Doorperson and builds things!! (i.e. The 3D Woodend figures of Zacchaeus' story.)*
7. *Valorie Koltz (Co-Storyteller and Confidant)*

#5 Recognize the students' attendance: Near perfect attendance are Gabriel and Marcos