

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025 at 10:30am (Onsite & Online)

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## GATHERING

**Welcome and a Time of Greeting**

Rev. Paula Womack

**Invocation**

Kathy Austin

**Prelude**

David Wilson

**\*Call to Worship**

David Wilson

**One:** Beckoned to this place of belonging, we of Umstead Park United Church of Christ, with body, mind, and spirit, gather to worship, serve, and proclaim God, unknowable mystery whose center is love, and Jesus the Christ, who makes this loving mystery known.

**Many:** **With inarticulate words and unfinished lives, we yearn to further embody this holy love, shaping the future as partners with God, who dances and weeps with us along the way. Let us worship God with our whole lives.**

**\*Statement of Intention**

David Wilson

**One:** In this place of belonging, we wonder whose stories we overlook, miss altogether, or take for granted.

**Many:** **In scripture and in community, may we tend to the stories around us.**

**One:** May belonging be nurtured by intention.

**\*Opening Hymn**

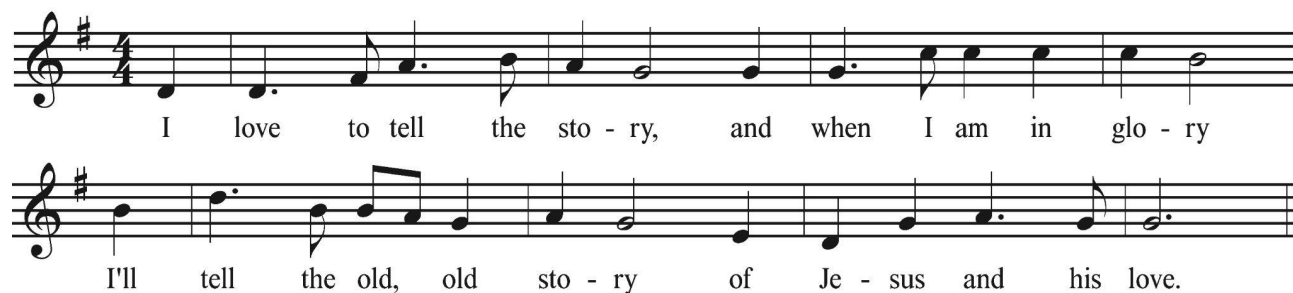
"What Is This Place? (*see insert*)

Congregation

## HEARING AND RESPONDING

**A Time with Children**

Christy Tucker



I love to tell the sto - ry, and when I am in glo - ry  
I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



"The Penitent Thief"  
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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**Reading of Scripture** Luke 23:32-43, *The Inclusive Bible (see insert)*

Kathy Austin

**Sermon** "Jesus, Remember Me"

Rev. Paula Womack

**\*Responsive Hymn** "Jesus, Remember Me"

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your kin - dom.

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**Prayers of the People**

Frank McKay



*You are invited to share names or brief joys and concerns.  
To submit written prayer requests for the weekly email, visit  
[tinyurl.com/upuccprayers](http://tinyurl.com/upuccprayers), or scan the QR code to the left.*

**Celebration of Gifts (Offertory)**

Frank McKay

**COMMUNION**

Rev. Paula Womack

**Remembering and Communion Liturgy**

One: Come, you weary and restless; come, all who hunger and thirst.

**Many: Jesus calls us to dine as friends. God's feast of welcome awaits us.**

One: As we partake of this bread and cup we honor Creator and creation.

**Many: As we bless and share these gifts, we celebrate the table-fellowship of Jesus.  
All are worthy, all are welcome!**

One: As we receive the fruits of Spirit, we celebrate the communion of all things.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit dance as one. So may it always be.... Come, for all things are ready.

*At this time, you are invited to come forward. The bread may be dipped into the cup and then eaten. The cup contains juice. The center station contains gluten free bread.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Prayer That Jesus Taught**

words adapted by Mark Miller from "The Lord's Prayer"

Our God, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your reign come, your will done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and help us forgive, as we have been forgiven.

In the time of trial lead us into light,

for yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

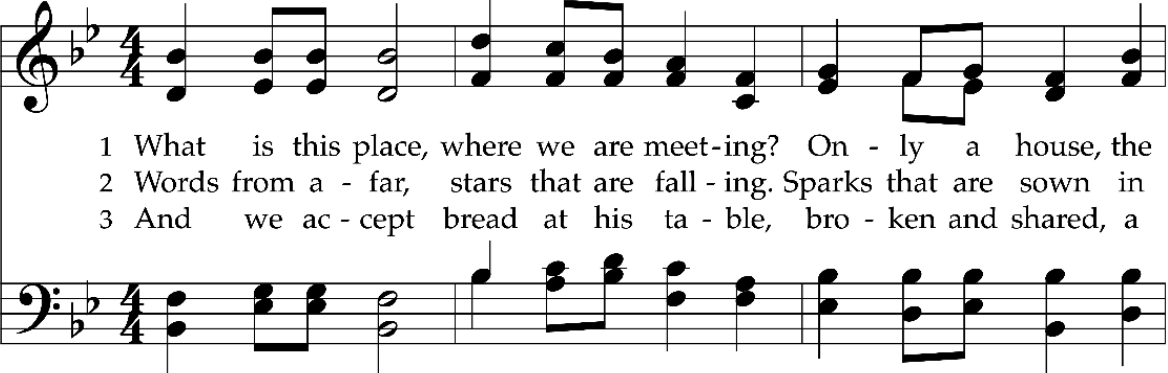


# Supplemental Texts and Hymns

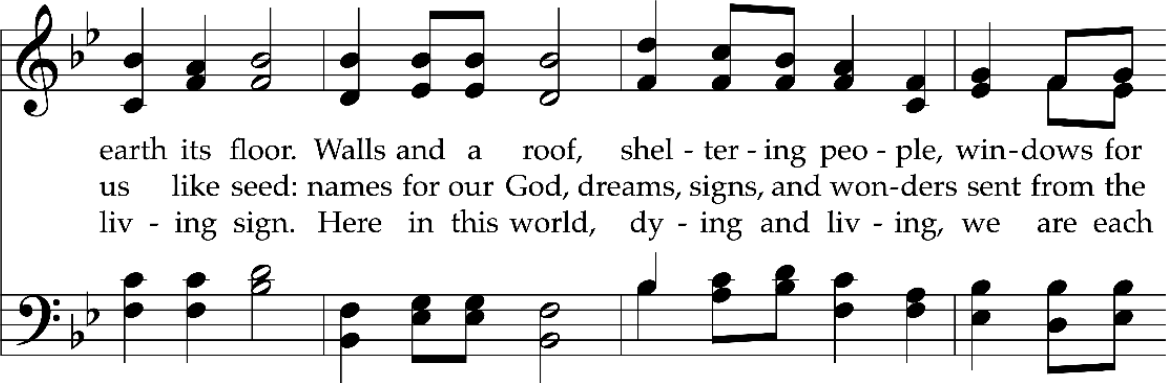
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"What Is This Place"

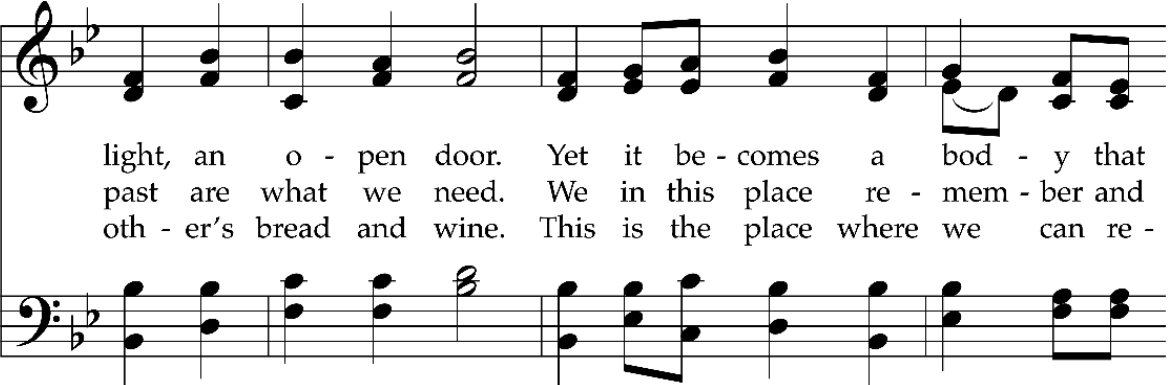
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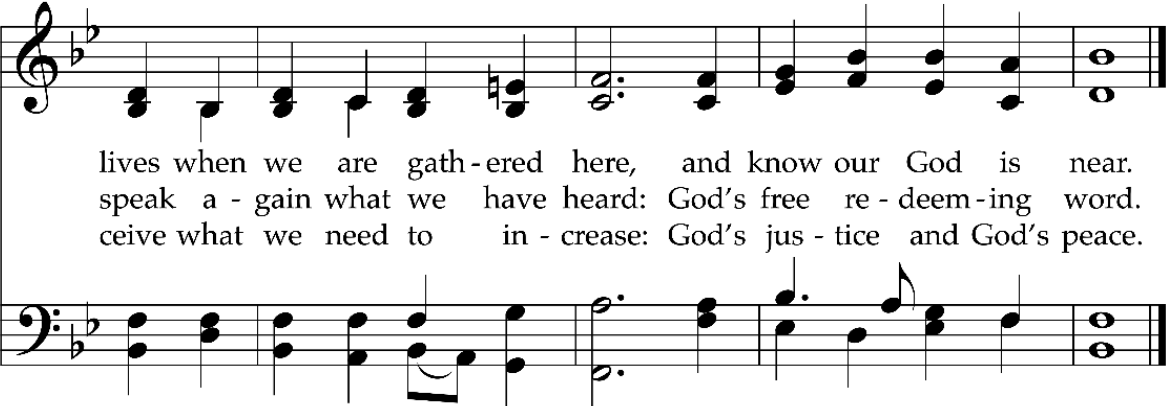
1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that  
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -



lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

<sup>32</sup>Two others were also led off with Jesus, criminals who were to be put to death. <sup>33</sup>When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them. <sup>35</sup>The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine <sup>37</sup>and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? <sup>41</sup>We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

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1. Come O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise,  
 come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by \_\_\_ flam - ing tongues a - bove,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel \_\_\_ it, wan - der \_\_\_ from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, came to show me God's great love.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.