

***DOXOLOGY:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

(Words on screen)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

All: Compassionate God, as Jesus did for Zacchaeus, you reach across the chasms that we've created, the ones where we've isolated ourselves from the redemptive power of your love. As with Zacchaeus, bridges have been built, and people who believed they were beyond your embrace have been welcomed to the table with open arms! As we give to you this day, may we also follow the example of Zacchaeus – with an explosion of gratitude and generosity – and may we also know his joy! We pray this in the name of Jesus, who invites himself to our table! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Spirit Song" UMH 347

~ CHARGE & BENEDICTION ~

L: Lord of our richest encounters you heard the hidden cry of Zacchaeus to welcome you into his home. Today you equipped us to hear the whispers of the world and to feel its pain. We now boldly go with brave voices: shouting for justice and for peace.

P: Amen and thanks be to God.

Pastor: God is the rock to which you cling, your hiding place. This doesn't mean that now you should go where no one can find you. Instead, today, this week, I invite you to come down out of your own sycamore tree. Jesus is coming to your home, to where you work or learn or play. Don't be afraid. It'll be all right. Today salvation has come to your house, because you too are a son or daughter of Abraham and Sarah.

***POSTLUDE:** "Praise to Thee" Fintlan Walker

The flowers on the altar are given by Tim & Linda Bodden in celebration of their 17th wedding anniversary which was on Oct. 29. The bulletins are given in honor of their family and friends.



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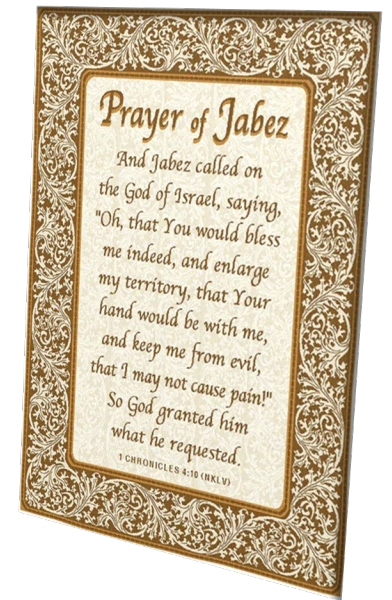
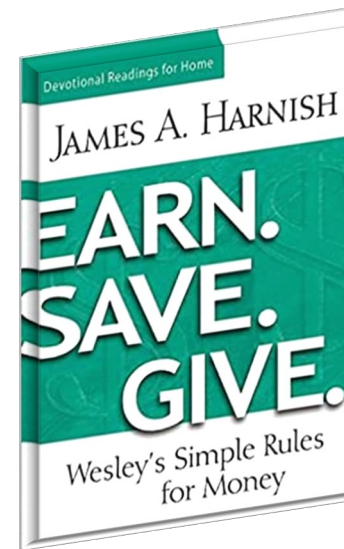
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*"The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world."*

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost~October 30, 2022

Wesley's advice still rings true today: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

We invite God to fan into flame a fresh movement of His church (FAUMC) - "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!" May each member fulfill his or her discipleship role with passion and generosity. Start in me.



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

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~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

PRELUDE: "Largo" by Karl Schulz Deanna Gibeau, Organist

WELCOME:

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Pastor: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

People: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

CENTERING MUSIC: "All I Need is You" Dan Adler

***PRAYER (Responsively)** *Written by Martin Wallace, City Prayers, Canterbury Press, 1994*

L: As you and I walk down this terraced street
Where all the houses seem to be from a common mold
And each door looks the same,
It would be easy to be mistaken
And assume that those inside each house
Are from a common mold.

**P: You and I know, Lord,
That each household has a different story
Of happiness, heartache, and health,
wealth, weariness, and worry,
sadness, solitude, and sickness,
energy, encouragement, and excitement.**

L: I see pictures of biblical villages,
With square white houses all the same,
When the same assumption could be made.
Yet you cut through all of that
And treated everyone differently:

**P: 'Follow ...'; 'Return ...'; 'Give away ...';
'Be reborn ...'; 'Tell everyone ...'; 'Keep silent ...'.**

**Keep me alive, Lord,
To the special uniqueness
Behind each door. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

L: The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far away we are from the Word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home. It does not matter what we have done wrong, we still belong to God. We have the assurance that God will rescue us. This is the good news of the Gospel! **Amen.**

***HYMN:** "Where He Leads Me" UMH 338

***WE PROCLAIM~**

**Luke 19:1-10
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)~(Responsively)**

L: He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

P: So, he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

L: Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **P: Praise to the Living Word.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "I Was Glad" by Joseph Martin
Dave Bertelsen, Director**

HOMILY: "Out on a Limb to Encounter Jesus!" Pastor Clarissa

(con'd on insert)

~OUR CALL TO SERVE~

CULTIVATING & *EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY*

HYMN

“The Summons”

TFWS 2130

~ COMING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER~

Prayers of the People:

Petitioner: “Lord in your mercy,”

People: “hear our prayer.”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~WE RESPOND~

A Time of Giving - Our Tithes, Talents & Ourselves - Now is the offering time, when we offer up our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for God’s mission in the world. For followers of Jesus, giving isn’t simply about keeping the church going. Giving is a discipline; it is an act of our commitment to God. We trust that God will not only use it to change us, but to change the world. God not only gives us bread to fill our bellies, God gives us seed to extend the reach of the harvest. I invite you to plant the seeds you’ve been given by offering up your gifts and tithes for God’s work in the world. The offering will now be received.

(con’d on back of bulletin)