

September 24, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Gene Foiles
"All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. by John Innes

**Call to Worship - (*Choir "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162*)

Liturgist: In the midst of joy and celebration.....

People: We lift our voices in praise to you, O Lord.

Choir: singing verse 1 of "Alleluia, Alleluia"

Liturgist: In the midst of trials and sorrows.....

People: We lift our voices in prayer to you, O Lord.

Choir: singing verse 2 of "Alleluia, Alleluia"

Liturgist: Throughout all our days we call out to God.....

People: We rest confident in God's love for us as we sing.

Choir: singing verse 4 of "Alleluia, Alleluia"

**Opening Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

Opening Prayer (unison)

As we sing our praise to you, O Lord, we remember the multitude of blessings you have given us. We are mindful of the ways in which you have lifted us when we have fallen low. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word for our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" (v. 1,2,4,5) UMH #339

Prayers of the Faithful & the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Gene Foiles

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication & Festival of Sharing Kit Blessings

Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert. We offer you our thanks and praise. May our gifts and offerings bless your world — that all may be blessed, and all may find purpose and passion, through Christ, our Lord. Bless now these hygiene kits and school kits that we have prepared and offer to the work of the Festival of Sharing ministry. We pray that each kit will provide hope to the one who receives it, and they would recognize what they received as nothing less than love from you Lord. Continue to work in us, O God, so we will be motivated to work in our communities to provide for the basic needs of the overlooked, ignored, and most vulnerable among us. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
arr. by John Leavitt

"River in Judea"

Sermon Pastor Jeff Bandy

"One Reward"

**Closing Hymn UMH #396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir
Besig Price

"Go Now and Pass It On"

Postlude Gene Foiles
Gordon Young



*The Altar Flowers are given by Debi Hall
in memory of her very dear, special man David Jones.*

Scripture Reading – Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)

Workers in the vineyard

20 “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ “Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ And they went. “Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. ⁶ Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’ ⁷ “‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied. “He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ ⁹ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. ¹¹ When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’ ¹³ “But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ ¹⁶ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 24, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Guest Organist	Gene Foiles
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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Scripture Lesson
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