

The liturgical color is green for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Festal Fanfare" from the Fourth Concerto J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME Laurie Babcock, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Zacchaeus did not know Jesus, but wanted to know Jesus.

Jesus did not know Zacchaeus, but noticed him and talked with him.

Like Zacchaeus, we want to know Jesus

Like Zacchaeus, we want to hear the good news Jesus is proclaiming

Zacchaeus climbed a tree in order to see Jesus

We come to church to see and learn about Jesus

As Jesus saw Zacchaeus and invited himself into Zacchaeus' house,

Jesus sees us and invites himself into our hearts, our daily lives.

After spending time with Jesus, Zacchaeus' life was turned around

In our worship, Lord, help us to see and know you more fully and turn our lives around!

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH 340

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your son Jesus, whom you gave to the world out of your abiding and transformative love. Give us the courage of Zacchaeus to do whatever it takes to see Jesus. Free us from our fears and anxieties that so often keep us from letting you in. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear, enabling us to see and hear you at work in and through others—even strangers. In our prayers, Lord, show us what in us needs to be turned around. Give us the gift of repentance. Humble us and show us your way.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Brian Childers
Amanda Alafi and Alex Alafi, trumpets

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:22-26, p. 842

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10, p. 743

MESSAGE "Praying for Strangers: Turn Around"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" UMH 262

Hymn History: The music to this hymn was written by Norman Warren. He was born in London, England in 1934. Educated at Cambridge University, he excelled at both cricket and music. He was ordained an Anglican Priest in 1960. Warren served several churches in England. He eventually became Archdeacon and Canon of the Diocese of Rochester, England. He wrote a booklet titled Journey Into Life which describes who Jesus was and led many into accepting Him. It sold over 30 millions copies and was published in over 100 languages. He also wrote over 100 hymns. He frequently teamed up with Michael Perry on hymns like the one we sing today. He and his wife, Yvonne, had five children and eleven grandchildren. Norman Warren died in 2019.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace"**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C"

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer and Prayer of
Dedication were written by Rev. Steve Stultz Costello*

Altar Flowers are presented by Ginny Keller
In Loving Memory of Ted, Geneva, and Bill Keller

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July 21, 2024

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