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WE GATHER
Welcome

Music for Gathering:
"Living for Jesus"

Call To Praise

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
We gather to worship with joy and in hope.
Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.
We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.
Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.
We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.
Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
We are here to worship with all that we are.

Opening Hymn

"More Precious than Silver"
TFWS 2065

"Praise the Name of Jesus"
TFWS 2066

Lord, you are more precious than silver,
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.
(Repeat)

"Praise the Name of Jesus"
TFWS 2066

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus,
He's my Rock,
He's my Fortress,
He's my deliverer, in him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.
(repeat)

Sharing The Peace of Christ

WE PROCLAIM

God's Word thru Music

"Living for Jesus"

Richard Meade, soloist

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (CEB)

16 Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. ² He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.' ³ "The household manager said to himself, "What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses." ⁵ "One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.'^[a] The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' ⁷ Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.'^[b] He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.' ⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. ¹¹ If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? ¹³ No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Sermon

Having Words with Jesus: What's First?

Prayers of the People
"Help Us Accept Each Other"
UMH # 560

*Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us,
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.*

Congregational prayer

**The Congregation will be invited to participate in the prayer during this time.*

*Unison Prayer of Confession
(Inspired by Luke 16:1-13; Matthew 6:33)*

**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too:
we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.
Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:
help us to seek your kingdom first.
Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.
Help us also to remember that our best relationship
is the one we have with you,
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness
(Inspired by James 3:17)*

*"The wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy" (James 3:17).
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.
Let us accept God's grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.
Lord Jesus Christ,
We call you Lord,
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.*

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

**Forgive us, gracious Savior,
When our hearts are led astray
When we serve other gods and worship them.
We turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
To take up our cross and follow you.
We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer
Offering**

Closing Hymn

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus "
UMH 526

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere/
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;

thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction

Friends, our worship continues even as we leave this moment. Friends, we have gathered in joy to sing and pray and hear God's word. We have come as friends, called friends by the Christ we follow. And now we are sent out into the world, to make friends. Let us be about the business we have been given. Let us go with God. Amen.

Postlude

Spiritual Disciplines

Administration: The next Leadership Team meeting will be an extended one on October 2, 2022. It will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Worship: September worship services: "Having Words with Jesus: Next Week: "Both/And", Luke 16:19-31.

If you are interested in working with the planning team for Advent, please see Betsy Keller. Planning meeting will be held in the next few weeks.



Mission/Ministry: Food Bank offerings: canned vegetables, pinto beans

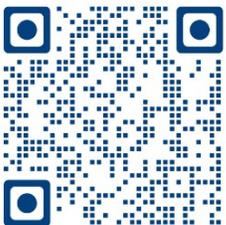


***Fall Project:** Our community outreach project for this fall is in support of the students and staff of Highland Elementary School. They have specific needs for girls' leggings and boys' sweatpants for 5 to 10-year-olds. Also for mini-size chocolate bars, granola bars, and snack crackers. You may start bringing in items this week. There is a plastic tote for food items and a cardboard box for clothing

Prayer: *Prayer Team, Ladies Study Rm, Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

Nurture: **What do United Methodist Believe:** *A Deeper Dive Adult/Youth Confirmation/ Bible Study Class, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Week Two continues the discussion on what beliefs do we hold about God.*

Giving: Mail to 307 S. Main Street, Greeneville, 37743.
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On-going and special events:

Ongoing: Monday evenings: Evergreen Woodcarvers meeting

Lowé Baton Classes: Back Parking Lot/The Hole

Special: Bishop's Day in the District, October 11, 2022, 6-8 pm