

**September 24, 2023**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

**People:** **We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

**Leader:** We have come not to parade our own goodness but to praise the holiness of God.

**People:** **We have come not to boast of what we have done but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.**

**ALL:** **With all our being, we will praise you, O God, and tell of all your kindness toward us.**

**\*Hymn #4:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 20:1-16

Carol Griffith

**Anthem**

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Unison Prayer**

**Forgiving and accepting God, you who believe more in us than we do in ourselves: increase our faith in you and in ourselves, that we may serve you and the world you have made with confidence and courage, so we may accomplish your will and fulfill our own lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "Parable of the Generous Householder"

**\*Hymn #547:** "Amazing Grace"

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

## **Prayer Response**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts according to your will. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #562: "Take My Gifts"**

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude