

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

Prayer and Attendance Cards: Please help us take attendance by writing your name on the prayer card (in the buckets) that is most appropriate for you. You may also write a prayer concern and hold it for prayers of the people.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—Psalm 51:1-19 (the Message)

¹⁻³ Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.

Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.

I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down.

⁴⁻⁶ **You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.**

You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.

I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.

What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

⁷⁻¹⁵ **Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.**

Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.

Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.

God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.

Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.

Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!

Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.

Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.

Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you.

I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered.

Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice.

Opening Hymn

"Sing Alleluia to the Lord" v. 1-2, 4, & 6

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Prayer for Illumination

Lord, who desires mercy over sacrifice, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, you told the pharisees to go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." Lord, we confess that we have failed to show mercy and love to others. We have judged ourselves to be better than others and have been more likely to "cancel" them than to see them the way that you do: people made in your image who are loved by you. Forgive us for hardening our hearts and for our sins. Soften our hearts and teach us how to be more like you, who has mercy and has a place at the table for everyone. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Prayer and Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, regardless of how many times tax collectors had cheated people, Jesus still sat and had a meal with them. Regardless of how "unclean" people are, Jesus' healing, love, and mercy are still more infectious. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

†Peace of Christ

Young Disciples Time

†Hymn

"Would I Have Answered When You Called?"

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Sermon

"Cancelling Christ"

Pastor Adam

A Time to Respond

At this time, everyone is invited into a time of meditation, silent prayer, and responding to the call of Christ in your life.

Prayers of the People

If you have a prayer concern you would like for us to pray for in this service, you may write it on a prayer card and raise it in the air for an usher to collect.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus called Matthew to leave his former life and take up a new one. This new life involves seeing that we receive everything we have as a gift from God. Therefore, let us offer our gifts as a small portion to give back in support of God's work through His imperfect church.

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology (UMH 94)

Dedicating our gifts to God

God of grace and transformation, may the offering we bring forth today be a sign of our commitment to join in your work to bless the world and bring the good news of mercy to others. Amen.

†Closing Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

†Benediction

†Chiming the Trinity

†Postlude

Announcements:

- Pastor Adam, Rosemary, and Rebecca will be away at Annual Conference in Greenville, NC this week. Therefore, Coffee with the Pastor is cancelled.
- Pizza, Potluck, and Movie Night has been rescheduled to Fri., June 23 @ 5:30
- You can still join Listening Circles. Let Pastor Adam know.
- We will be receiving food for the Parktown Food Hub and children's books over the next four weeks.
- If you would like to place a t-shirt order,

Parkwood United Methodist Church

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“The Calling of St. Matthew,” by Juan de Pareja, 1606-1670

The Real vs. the Rival Gospel

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