

† 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** Desiree Davis-Omburo

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Chiming the Trinity**

**Call to Worship—Psalm 37:1-7 (CEB)**

Don't get upset over evildoers;  
don't be jealous of those who do wrong,  
<sup>2</sup> **because they will fade fast, like grass;**  
**they will wither like green vegetables.**

<sup>3</sup> Trust the Lord and do good;  
live in the land, and farm faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> **Enjoy the Lord,**  
**and he will give what your heart asks.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord!  
**Trust him! He will act <sup>6</sup>and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,**  
**your justice like high noon.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord,  
**and wait for him.**

**Choir Anthem:** "We Gather to Praise" words and music by William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither, arranged by Mary McDonald

† **Opening Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" **UMH 519**

**Young Disciples Time** Rev. Rachel Randall  
*At this time the young disciples may come forward for a young disciples' message, and afterwards they may proceed to daycare or return to their seat.*

**Glory Moments**  
*At this time, if you have a glory moment or a moment when you have seen or experienced God this past week, please raise your hand.*

**Prayer for Illumination**  
Providing Lord, as You fed Your people manna in the wilderness, gave them what they needed, and taught them to receive from and depend on you, provide for us what we need from this word and give us a living Word, amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 16:2-15 Autumn Boyer  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 20:1-16

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

**Call to Reconciliation—Thom Shuman**  
We continue to believe that we must earn our way to God, but God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to His grace (lit. "gift") as we pray saying,

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**  
Living Lord, we say we will live to serve and to love, but we have often complained about what we do or don't have and have ended up focusing on ourselves. Please forgive us for our sins, teach us how to be open to You giving us what we need, help us to be grateful, so that we may also share what we have with others. Amen.

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Pardon—Thom Shuman (Matthew 20)**  
This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.  
**God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon** "What is It?" A Nourishing Spirituality Pastor Adam

**A Time of Meditation**  
*At this time, you may pray and meditate on what you feel God is wanting to give you in this particular season.*

**Tithes and Offerings**  
**The Doxology (UMH 94)** Desiree Davis-Omburo  
**Dedicating our gifts to God**

### ***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***

†**Closing Hymn**

"Standing on the Promises of God"

UMH 374

†**Benediction**

†**Chiming the Trinity**

†**Postlude**

Desiree Davis-Omburo

### **Announcements:**

- If you are interested in going on the **CCoM Mission trip**, a check due in the amount of **\$190 is due by October 10**. You can make the check out to "Praying Pelicans," and Pastor Adam can help you get that to Neil Frank at Christus Victor.
- **Coffee with the Pastor** is this Wednesday **9:30 AM-11 PM**.
- **Book discussion of the Pastor's book of the month, "Living the Sabbath," by Norman Wirzba @ 11 AM-12 PM** at the Starbucks on Hwy 55.
- **"Queerly Beloved" Service is tonight @ 5:30 PM at Duke Memorial UMC**, followed by our **first youth collective event** with a couple of ice breakers and pizza.
- **Next Sunday, October 1** we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday with Avivamiento @ 10:30 AM**.
- **Also, next Sunday, October 1, Pastor Adam invites all youth to come @ 9:15 AM in the Youth Room (Room 3) for donuts** and helping him with an outreach project for our homeless neighbors. We'll also discuss hopes, dreams, and plans for the renovation of the youth room, Room 3.
- **Sunday, October 8 is Homecoming**—invite your friends/family! We'll have a potluck meal following worship.
- **Sunday, October 15 is Laity Sunday and EGG COLLECTION Sunday**.
- Mark your calendars for **Octoberfest on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30-7 PM**

# **Parkwood**

## **United Methodist Church**

### **September 24, 2023**



Hendrick de Clerck (1560/1570–1630), "Israelites gathering Manna"

## **"What is it?" A Nourishing Spirituality**

**Sunday, September 23, 2023 • 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**