

† 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 103:1-13 (CEB)

Let my whole being bless the Lord! Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

² **Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all his good deeds:**

³ how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, ⁴ saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion,

⁵ **and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.** ⁶ **The Lord works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites.

⁸ **The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.**

⁹ God won't always play the judge; he won't be angry forever.

¹⁰ **He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing,**

¹¹ because as high as heaven is above the earth,
that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him.

¹² As far as east is from west—
that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

¹³ Like a parent feels compassion for their children—
that's how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him.

† **Opening Song** "In Christ Alone" **W&S 3105**

Young Disciples Time Pastor Adam

At this time the young disciples may come forward for a young disciples' message, and afterwards they may proceed to the nursery or return to their seat.

Glory Moments

At this time, people are invited to share how they have seen or experienced God at Parkwood UMC, this year or in past years.

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 Isaiah 5:1-7 Rebeca Turner

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

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

Liturgy of Confession

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us this earth as a beautiful vineyard.

We have neglected it.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us people to care for with love.

We have often remained indifferent to them.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us our faith as a plant to grow.

We have cared little for it.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful and tender God,
forgive us all our sins
through the sacrifice of your Son
and lead us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

God has given us a new start to go out and bear good fruit for God's Kingdom. Let's take this as an opportunity not to go back to bad old habits, but to live into the new life God and join God in being a blessing to our neighbors. good work God is calling us to do.

Sermon "God's Audit: Are We Bearing Fruit?" Pastor Adam

Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" **UMH 559**

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 Song** "He Who Began a Good Work in You" **TFWS 2163**

†**Benediction**

†**Chiming the Trinity**

†**Postlude** Desiree Davis-Omburo

Please join us for a potluck lunch immediately following the service.

Announcements:

- **This afternoon, Sunday, Oct. 1, the Youth Collective** are meeting at **Forest Hills Park** ((1639 University Drive, Durham, 27707) @ **12:15-2 PM** for a field day: cornhole, frisbee, kickball, pickleball, crafts, and other games.
- **Next Sunday, October 15 is Laity Sunday and EGG COLLECTION Sunday.**
- Mark your calendars for **Octoberfest on Saturday, October 28th @ 4:30-7 PM**
- **Coffee with the Pastor** is this Wednesday 9:30 AM-11 PM.
- Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 26 @ 5-7 PM** for our CCoM Harvest Feast and Fellowship.

Parkwood UMC

Homecoming

October 8, 2023



April 4, 1965 Breaking Ground Ceremony for Parkwood UMC

God's Audit: Are We Bearing Fruit?

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