

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Prayer

Rosemary Marlowe

Loving and Gracious God—Holy One, God who calls us by name because You are the One to Whom we belong: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship by Discipleship Ministries

Rosemary Marlowe

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

† *Opening Hymn*

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Rosemary Marlowe

God, do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors. Forgive us, merciful God, for our history of violence. Let your compassion come speedily

to meet us, for we are brought low. With haste come to us, for we are bent beneath the weight of war-making. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Rescue us, O Wind of the Spirit, from the sea of despair. Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. Jesus, have mercy on our nation, for the sake of God's reign. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rosemary Marlowe

Gathered as God's people, we hear the good news: God has forgiven us, God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

As a sign of our gratitude, we will take off the clothes of jealousy or resentment, but put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Amen.

† *Peace of Christ*

At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

Glory Moments

Pastor Adam

At this time, if you have a glory moment that you would like to share of where you have seen or experienced God this past week, please raise your hand.

Hymn

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TFWS 2071

Prayer for Illumination

Rosemary Marlowe

Living God who still speaks, we ask that You meet us right where we are; draw near to us, be in our heads and in our hearts, and may this written word come alive for us today. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Jan Schwarze

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God,

People: thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Adam

Offering and Hymn

“My Gratitude, Now, Accept O Lord”

TFWS 2044

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.



QR Code for Giving

Prayers of the People

Pastor Adam

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***

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

UMH 438

† ***Joint Blessing***

Go now, in the blessing of God who covers you, protects you, delivers you, and helps you that you might reflect God's glory as you love and serve others.

Amen.

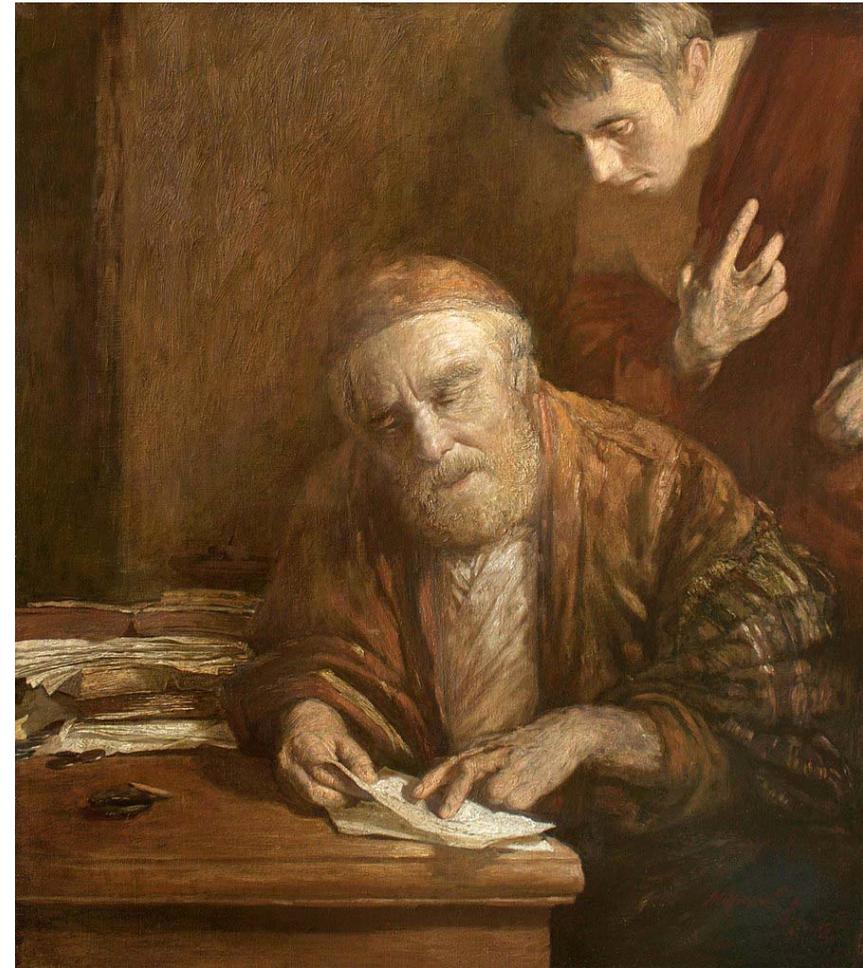
† ***Chiming the Trinity***

† ***Postlude***

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Finance Update: for the year, we have spent **\$31,187** more than we have received, and so we are behind by that much. A detailed breakdown is available on the bulletin board for those who want to see it. For those who are able, we invite you to consider donating or giving perhaps a little more than you have in the past.

Parkwood United Methodist Church



“The Parable of the Unjust Steward” by Mironov, Andrei

Living for Eternity

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