

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 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*—by St. Boniface

Sarah Bender

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings, we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Call to Worship* by Lisa Hancock

Sarah Bender

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

**We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.**

We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

**We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.**

We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

**We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.**

Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

**We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.**

† *Opening Hymn*

“A Mighty Fortress”

UMH 110

*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness*

Sarah Bender

People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that creates a chasm between us and You, us and our neighbors, including if we've hurt those closest to us—including ourselves—and guide us on the road back to life and love of You, neighbors, as ourselves. O Lord, You have examined us and know everything about us. You know when we sit down or stand up. Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep

us from deliberate sins. Deliver us from all evil and harm. Free and empower us to live anew in abundant life, again. Amen.

Leader: Listen to the promise of God: Those who love Me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my saving power.

**Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love! We rejoice because You have rescued us! Amen.**

† *Peace of Christ*

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

*Hymn*

“Here Am I”

TFWS 2178

*Prayer for Illumination*

Rosemary Marlowe

God who still speaks into our lives, through friends, and through Scripture, please meet us right here, right where we are. Draw near to us. Be in our thinking and in our believing, and through Your Holy Spirit, may You speak to us through Your written word today. Amen.

*Gospel Reading*

Luke 16:19-31

Rosemary Marlowe

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

**People: thanks be to God!**

*Sermon*

What is Wealth For?

Pastor Adam

*Offering and Hymn*

“Give Thanks”

TFWS 2036



**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*

“The Voice of God is Calling”

UMH 436

† *Joint Blessing*

The peace of God be in your heart  
The grace of God be in your words  
The love of God be in your hands  
The joy of God be in your soul  
and in the song that your life sings.

† *Chiming the Trinity*  
† *Postlude*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

**Finance Update:** for the year through August, 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



1830 British Caricature of "The Rich Man and Lazarus," Author Unknown

## What is Wealth For?

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