

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† *Call to Worship*—*Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries* Rosemary Marlowe

In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God’s provision and abundance deep in our bones...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

† *Opening Hymn* “Wounded World that Cries for Healing” **TFWS 2177**

† *Hymn* “Come, Ye Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” **UMH 340**

After this hymn, the young disciples may proceed to the nursery with volunteers.

Prayer for Illumination

Rosemary Marlowe

Lord our God, who still speaks to us, may these Scriptures be for us today a Living Word. Walk among us and help us to listen to whatever You wish to say to us this day. In our hearing, help us to apply Your Word to our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Jan Schwarze

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer of Confession

Rosemary Marlowe

God of Grace, it sometimes seems we cannot decide,
We say we will live to serve others,
but end up meeting only our needs.
We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,
but we do not take him to work, school, home.
We believe that the gospel can transform lives,
(at least, for those who need it - not us).
Forgive us, Lord.
Instead of grumblers,
may we be ambassadors of grace.
Instead of continual complaining,
may we carry compassion to the hurting.
Instead of whiners,
may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

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.

† *Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song

“Give Thanks”

TFWS 2036



Doxology

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.

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

Pastor Adam

Prayers of the People

Pastor Adam

If you have a joy or a concern you would like to lift up, please raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.

† *Closing Song*

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH 519

† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

Finance Update

Offering received for 2026: \$82,882

Money Spent: \$114,326

Deficit to Date: \$-31,444

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Laborers Brought in by Truck from Nearby Towns, Marion Post Wilcott, 1939

The Parable of the Vineyard