

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**July 26, 2020**  
*Zacchaeus – Tax Collector –*  
*The Unraveling of Vocation*



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: God is in this house today,  
All: **For God longs to be in relationship with us.**  
L: God is in this house today,  
All: **For God loves the sinners and the saints.**  
L: God is in this house today,  
All: **For God sees all, claims all, and loves all.**  
L: God is in this house today,  
All: **So let us worship Holy God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY & CONFESSION

- P: Gracious God,  
Zacchaeus valued money over people and power over equality.  
C: **He was a sinner, but so are we. Like Zacchaeus,  
we are quick to prioritize the wrong things—  
valuing our to-do lists over family time,  
our own success over a relationship with you,  
and wealth over generosity. We lose sight  
of what really matters. We lose sight of love.  
Forgive us for our ignorance and impatience.  
Call us back to the life you long for us to lead.  
With humility and gratitude we pray, Amen.**

PSALM 139: 1-12, 24

- R. O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
C. **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from far away.**

- R. You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C. **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**
- R. You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- C. **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- R. Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- C. **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
- R. If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- C. **even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
- R. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;
- C. **the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**
- R. See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### LUKE 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

MESSAGE Pastor Julie Rogness

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.  
Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,  
dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God, the Great Sew-er —***

***who weaves us together in community,***

***collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit —***

***who hems us in before and behind,***

***catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.***

***And I believe in Jesus Christ —***

***who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,***

***refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.***

***I believe God has woven part of God's self***

***into the fiber of our being,***

***making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.***

***I believe the fabric of my life is weak,***

***that I am prone to error***

***and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.***

***I believe in the Church,***

***and that like a quilt of different fabrics,***

***she is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.***

***And I believe that when life unravels,***

***God is there to stitch my wounds together,***

***to hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,***

***and to invite me into a new journey. Amen.***

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## SHARING OF PEACE

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

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3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;  
death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus. ROMANS 8:38-39

God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ,  
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
Bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PARTICIPANTS

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Ron Grose, Mary Ravlin Gould, Barb Schaller,  
Lila Cole, Colette Flom, Stephen Berge, Lyle Canton, Glenn Ronning, & Ione Overby.



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### WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

July 29 at 6 P.M. - Northeast corner of the church  
under the pine trees. Bring your own lawn chair.

*Cancelled for rain.*

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