

Unison Prayer of Confession

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help. Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

P: Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: God of Everlasting Glory (Living Praise—7)

Second Lesson

Psalm 123

Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon:

“A Humble Prayer ”

Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

***Hymn of Response—455 All Creatures of Our God and King**

***Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Its God*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Merciful Lord, we offer our gifts and we offer our prayers, not trusting in our righteousness, but as those who know our own unworthiness, trusting only in your love and grace. Keep from us any temptation to see ourselves as better than any other and help us to see in Christ, our mediator, the way to love you and all your children more fully. We pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending—272 God of the Sparrow**

***Charge and Benediction**

****Please stand if able.***