


**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**



JESUS MAFA. The Pharisee and the Publican, from Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor Op. 37 No. 2

Arthur Bird

Welcome & Announcements

† **Choral Introit**

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

TFWS 2131

Humble thyself in the
sight of the Lord.
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sight of the Lord.

and he shall lift you up,
higher and higher,
and he shall lift you up

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† **Opening Music**

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

UMH 492

1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
unuttered or expressed,
the motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.
2. Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
the falling of a tear,
the upward glancing of an eye,
when none but God is near.
3. Prayer is the simplest form of speech
that infants lips can try;
prayer the sublimest
strains that reach the Majesty on high.
4. Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,
returning from their way,
while angels in their songs rejoice and cry,
"Behold, they pray!"

5. Prayer is the Christians' vital breath,
the Christians' native air;
their watchword at the gates of death;
they enter heaven with prayer.
6. O Thou, by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way:
the path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray!

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.*

Pastoral Prayer

The 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. Amen.

Choral Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14 (CEB)

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust:

“Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’”

I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Message

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Andante in D

Jacques Louis Battmann

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Gracious God, have mercy on us in our times of sin and pride. Pour out your forgiveness, and shower us with the blessings of your guidance and grace. Stand by us in our times of weakness, and strengthen us to move forward in faith. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit to step toward your generous grace, that others may receive the blessings of all you are doing through us and all you have yet to do.

Liturgist: Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God, for God answers prayer and forgives transgression. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

We Walk by Faith

TFWS 2196

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found.
4. That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

Benediction

Postlude

Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen

Johann Ernst Rembt

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