

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Listen for the wisdom of God, as we enter the Word. Pray for understanding, as we invoke loving kindness and justice into Living Word.

***SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*** OPENING HYMN: # 382Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Honor and respect come as gifts only. They can never be purchased or taken by force.

People: We all want honor and respect, but not unworthily or at our request.

Leader: If we honor ourselves, we will be humbled. But If we humble ourselves, we will be honored.

People: We desire the virtue of humility, for we know we are nothing, except for the grace of God.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Most gracious God, who gives each of us opportunities to win honor and respect, but only when we humble ourselves: Lead us in a life of humility that we may not think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think, thus turning our honor into humiliation. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: # 393 Spirit of the Living God**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

The absence of humility is our humiliation, Lord, and we find ourselves without honor or respect. Sometimes we try so hard at being humble that we are proud of our humility. Forgive us when we concentrate on our virtues and abilities, contradicting our humility. Make us humble in our hearts and minds that in our living we may witness to your graciousness as the true source of our being. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #394 Something Beautiful**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Listen for God's word of hope with new ears and fresh faith: Here is God's good news. Now is the time. This is the time to pay attention to God's word to see what He has to say to us today.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 2:4-10**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“Do not forget who you are”**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #127 Guide Me**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

CLOSING HYMN: #389 Freely, Freely

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Today's Scripture Readings -- August 30, 2020

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NKJV)

A Man with Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath

14 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

Take the Lowly Place

⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be ^[a]humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the* ^[b]maimed, *the lame, the blind.* ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Second Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 2:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the LORD:

"What injustice have your fathers found in Me,
That they have gone far from Me,
Have followed ^[a]idols,
And have become idolaters?

⁶ Neither did they say, 'Where *is* the LORD,

Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
Who led us through the wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and pits,
Through a land of drought and the shadow of death,
Through a land that no one crossed
And where no one dwelt?'

⁷ I brought you into a bountiful country,
To eat its fruit and its goodness.

But when you entered, you defiled My land
And made My heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where *is* the LORD?'
And those who handle the law did not know Me;
The rulers also transgressed against Me;
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
And walked after *things that* do not profit.

⁹ "Therefore I will yet ^[b]bring charges against you," says the LORD,
"And against your children's children I will bring charges.

¹⁰ For pass beyond the coasts of ^[c]Cyprus and see,
Send to ^[d]Kedar and consider diligently,
And see if there has been such *a thing*.

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