



A place where heaven and earth meet,
where people encounter God's generosity
and healing presence.

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2025

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greta Coyl

Leader: Come, beloved of God, to the banquet prepared for you.

People: We come, seeking the place Christ has prepared.

Leader: Here the humble are lifted up, and the lowly are honored.

People: We come, desiring the heart of a servant.

Leader: All are welcome—the poor, the forgotten, the stranger, and the broken.

People: We come as guests of grace, ready to share in God's feast.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord of mercy and love.

People: We rejoice and give thanks, for Christ has called us to the table.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

Violin Sarah Coyl

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. 14:7 When he noticed how the

guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 14:9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 14:11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14:14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Violin Sarah Coyl

SERMON "Table Grace" Pastor Jim Coyl

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thou art the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN *Amazing Grace* Violin Sarah Coyl

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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The Table of Humility

(Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Jesus' teaching at the Pharisee's dinner party is both unsettling and freeing. In a world where status and self-promotion often dictate who gets noticed, Jesus suggests a different way: take the lower seat. Do not strive for honor; instead, make room for others.

Rev. Lillian Daniel reminds us that the church at its best is not a gathering of the most impressive, but a community of the honest—people who know their need for grace. At the table of Christ, our value is not determined by our résumé or reputation but by the welcome of the Host.

When Jesus says, "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind," he points us toward a hospitality that is not transactional. It's not about what others can do for us, but about reflecting God's own radical generosity. To sit at this table is to remember that we are all guests, not because of merit but because of mercy.

This week, perhaps we might practice that kind of humility. Maybe it looks like stepping back so someone else can step forward. Maybe it's welcoming someone who cannot repay us. And maybe, as Rev. Daniel suggests, it is simply telling the truth: that our worth is not earned, but given.

At Christ's table, there are no "better seats." There is only the grace of the Host who says, "Come, for all is ready."

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, September 01, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21;

Tuesday, September 02, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9;

Wednesday, September 03, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24;

Thursday, September 04, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30;

Friday, September 05, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17;

Saturday, September 06, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42;