



When [Jesus] noticed  
how the guests chose  
the places of honor,  
he told them a parable.

Luke 14:7, NRSV

## ***Order of Worship***

***Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.***

August 31, 2025

10 AM

PRELUDE

*"Spirit Song"*  
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Pastor Waldis

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches in their houses and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor.

**People: Their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

\*HYMN

*"O for a Heart to Praise My God"*

#650

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**The Word of God**

\*HYMN "What a Wondrous Love Is This" #314

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 25: 1-7 p. 607 (OT)  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14 p. 77 (NT)  
Ed Serrano, Liturgist

SERMON Building for the Kingdom Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

**Our Response to God**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled" #805

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Mark Hayes  
Amy Duran, piano

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Curtis Stock; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** Oh Lord, our hearts can be burdened for our family and friends who are hurting; We pray that you would be their comforter and that you would cover them with your grace and mercy and that we could be a source of support and helpfulness.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Marilyn Hams in celebration of her husband Tom's "97<sup>th</sup>" birthday in heaven and by Jean Greenlaw in memory and celebration of Edie Greenlaw.

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, Sept 2 7:30 Consistory  
Thursday, Sept. 4 7:00 Garden Club in FH  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
Friday, Sept. 5 COURIER DEADLINE

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

10:00--Worship, Sunday School Kick-off and Picnic

**JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC** on Sunday 9/7 after worship. We will kick off the new school year and celebrate Harold Friedeman's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please bring a side dish that feeds approximately 6-8 people (hot or cold). There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. The main course will be supplied by Congregational Care. If you are able to help with set up on Saturday 9/6 please contact Steve Bauman or Jean Greenlaw at (201) 313-8442.

**THE WHOLESUM PANTRY** continues to need our help. Many of you bring in non-perishable items that Les and Jill Cox deliver to them in Norwood. They are collecting NEW backpacks & school supplies for grades K-8 for their August distribution. You can bring them to church or deliver to The WholeSum Pantry, 66 Summit Street, Norwood.

**HPVAC EMS MEMORIAL** – The Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be dedicating the EMS Memorial which will include the names of the 52 deceased members (including several of our church members and Amy Duran's mother, Nancy) who dedicated themselves to provide emergency medical services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to the residents of Harrington Park and the Northern Valley. Please attend this dedication on September 6 at 10 AM at 15 Kline Street. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**DEDICATE A BOUQUET** – Sign up on the flower calendar at the top of the stairs to donate a bouquet in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special date. The cost is \$25; make your check payable to Guild for Christian Service; leave it with your dedication on the desk on the church office.

**THE OFFICE** is on summer hours through Labor Day, Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

## Luke 14: 7-14 Building for the Kingdom

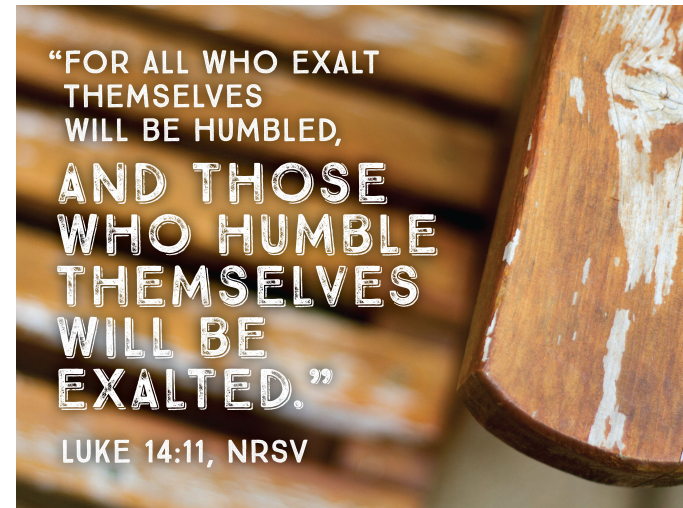
### Exegesis (Background)

1. Jesus is at \_\_\_\_\_ with the Pharisees.
2. God favors the \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressed.
3. God himself will \_\_\_\_\_ us some day.

### Life Application

Build a \_\_\_\_\_ mindset.

The kingdom looks like these \_\_\_\_\_.



#### **Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!**

*We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.*

*Large print hymnals are available, as well as hearing assistive devices. Please speak to an usher.*

*Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.*

*It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.*

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