



## August 8, 2021 11th Sunday after Pentecost



## Worship Participants

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

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Two individuals praying in the temple. This parable seems straightforward. But beware the trap of seeing these two merely as caricatures and not real people. One has clearly written off the other, while the other speaks only of his own brokenness. One believes they know better than God who should receive mercy. What might this parable say about how we should pray to a wildly merciful God? How should we live, having learned of God's boundless mercy? Is either one of these people outside of God's mercy?

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 532 - Gather Us In, verses 2 & 4*

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**God of wonders, give us fresh eyes to better see you. Help us put aside our fears and hesitations, that we may care for ALL our neighbors. You are the source of light, wisdom, and life for the world. We aspire to be compassionate like you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

Reading: Psalm 84:5-12

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

### Sermon

Hymn: *Wounded World That Cries for Healing (see back page)*

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

### Offering Prayer

God of wonders, we are grateful for the trees you give us to climb. Help us to climb farther into your stories: seeing you more fully, breathing more peacefully, sharing ourselves more completely. To you we gladly offer ourselves; our work, our rest, our resources, and our love. In your blessed name we pray, Amen.

### Prayers of the People

#### Lord's Prayer

#### Blessing and Sending

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

**Wounded World that Cries for Healing**

The musical score is written on four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated to fit the line.

1. Wound-ed world that cries for healing— here we hold each oth-er's pain,  
2. Through our na-tion's spent frus-tra-tion, through the cor-ri-dors of stress  
3. Hon-or those whose lov-ing spir-it nurs-es hope, re-stores and heals,  
wound-ed sys-tems, bruised and bleed-ing bear the load, the scars of strain;  
may there move a kind-lier wis-dom all may feel, and all may bless;  
towel and ba-sin used in ser-vice like the Christ who comes and kneels;  
dol-lars ra-tion out com-pas-sion, hard de-ci-sions rule the day,  
tax and tith-e are for a pur-pose shared to shield the poor and weak;  
in the tend-ing, in the mend-ing may we see the right and fair,  
Je-sus of the heal-ing Spir-it, free us to an-oth-er way!  
past the symp-toms of our sick-ness let the voice of jus-tice speak.  
in our com-mon quest for whole-ness heal each oth-er by our care.

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