

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we?

Your complaining is not against us but” against the LORD. ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Hymn *Our God Our Help* #210

Sermon Rev. Rich Jones

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

Response *Gloria Patri* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *God of Grace and God...* #420

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

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THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
October 22, 2017

+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: A day for praise and prayer;

A day for gratitude and generosity.

L: This is the time God has given us:

P: A time for singing and silence;

A time for speaking and listening.

L: This is the life to which God calls us:

P: A life of humility and service;

A life of faith and trust.

+Opening Prayer

Pour out your Spirit
upon us as we gather,
God of our salvation:

so your grace
might strengthen us
for service;

so your peace
might calm
our troubled souls;

so your hope
might mend
our broken hearts.

You poured out your life
that we might be filled
with the gift of salvation.

You humbled yourself
that we might be raised

to eternal life.
Take hold of our hands,
Servant of the world,
so we might cross
the finish line together.

You are in our midst,
Spirit of wholeness.
You enabled us
to cling to faith,
when hope runs
through our fingers like sand.
You open the gateways
of our hearts
morning and evening,
that we might sing
our praises with all creation.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we pour out our hearts to you,
as we pray as Jesus taught us,
(*The Lord's Prayer*)

+Hymn Spirit #319

Call to Confession

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride
in what wonderful people we are, or with that
humble hope which recognizes how we have
not lived as God's children, and how we need
God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join
me as we pray to our God, saying,

Confession

Let us pray: **Watching God, like the Phari-
see, we think we can stick our thumbs
into life, pull out a prayer, and congratu-
late ourselves for being such good Chris-
tians. Then, we remember the harsh
words we have spoken this week, the
hurt we have inflicted on someone we
loved, the lack of compassion we failed
to offer to someone who needed our
help.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal
gently with us. May we become more like
the tax collector - humble, penitent, ac-
knowledging our faulty lives to you.
Then, may we receive the mercy prom-
ised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Savior.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

L: Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves
to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to
us through our loving God. This is the good
news we have received!

**P: Graced and blessed, we are able to
live our lives for others, taking them by
the hand to reach that finish line called
the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song Come & Fill Our Hearts STF2157

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us
forgive one another: the Peace of Christ
be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem We're Marching to Zion

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Give us ears to hear your word, O Lord,

as well as hearts and minds open to under-
standing it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 65

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.

¹ Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

² O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring
near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house,
your holy temple.

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliv-
erance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are
awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and
the evening shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.