

righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>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!’ <sup>14</sup>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.”

## Sermon

### Responding to the Word

#### Affirmation of Faith

*Confession of 1967, 9.16,17*

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.**

## Notes

### Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *Give Thanks* STF2036

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ,

God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...  
(Moment of silence)

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word, and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Going Into the World

**+Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows  
No Ending* #422

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**



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Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

## Preparing Ourselves

Prelude  
Welcome  
Minute for Mission  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

## +Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

Let us pray: **Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our***

*daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

**+Hymn** *Creator of Mountains*  
STF2061

## Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Together let us make our confessions before God and one another.

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.**

**How do you keep the faith?**

**How are the Pharisee and the sinner different? How might they be the same?**

**Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (moment of silence)**

## Words of Assurance

L: In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: We rejoice because we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response** *Bless the Lord* STF2013

## +Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *Give Me a Grateful Heart*  
(Martin)

## Hearing the Word Prayer for Illumination

*Listen to the Word* G2G #455

Listen to the word that God has spoken,  
Listen to the One who is close at hand,  
Listen to the Voice that began creation  
Listen even if you don't understand.

## Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-18

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for

me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup>You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn** *Fight the Good Fight* #307

## Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were