

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *In Babilone* arr/David Schack

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 78:1-4

My people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

things we have heard and known,

things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants;

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

his power, and the wonders he has done.

***OPENING HYMN** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* UMH #127

***OPENING PRAYER** UMH # 366

O God of the vineyard, you call us all to productive labor, to employ

our gifts and talents for you. We pray for those who are unemployed

Strengthen them in this difficult hour, uplift their spirits, and grant

them a place among your laborers until all be employed for the

common good, and we share fully in our true work of praising you

with heart and mind and soul forever. Amen

(David Schnasa Jacobsen, 20th century)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-17

ANTHEM *When We Are Living* UMH # 356

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 3:1-19

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

***PRAYER HYMN** *“To God Be the Glory”* UMH #98

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rachel Holden

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *St. Anne, No. 6, Presto* arr/Paul Manz

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 21:23-32**

SERMON “Words or Actions?” Rev David Westmoreland

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Trust and Obey”* UMH #467

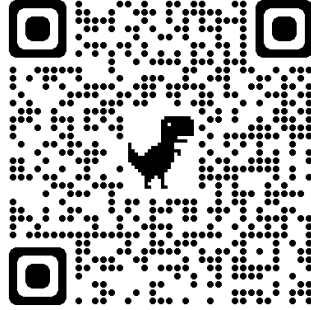
***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

POSTLUDE *Variations on Sagina* arr/ Metzger

**Please stand as you are able*

Ways to Give
You can give as the offering plate is passed or by
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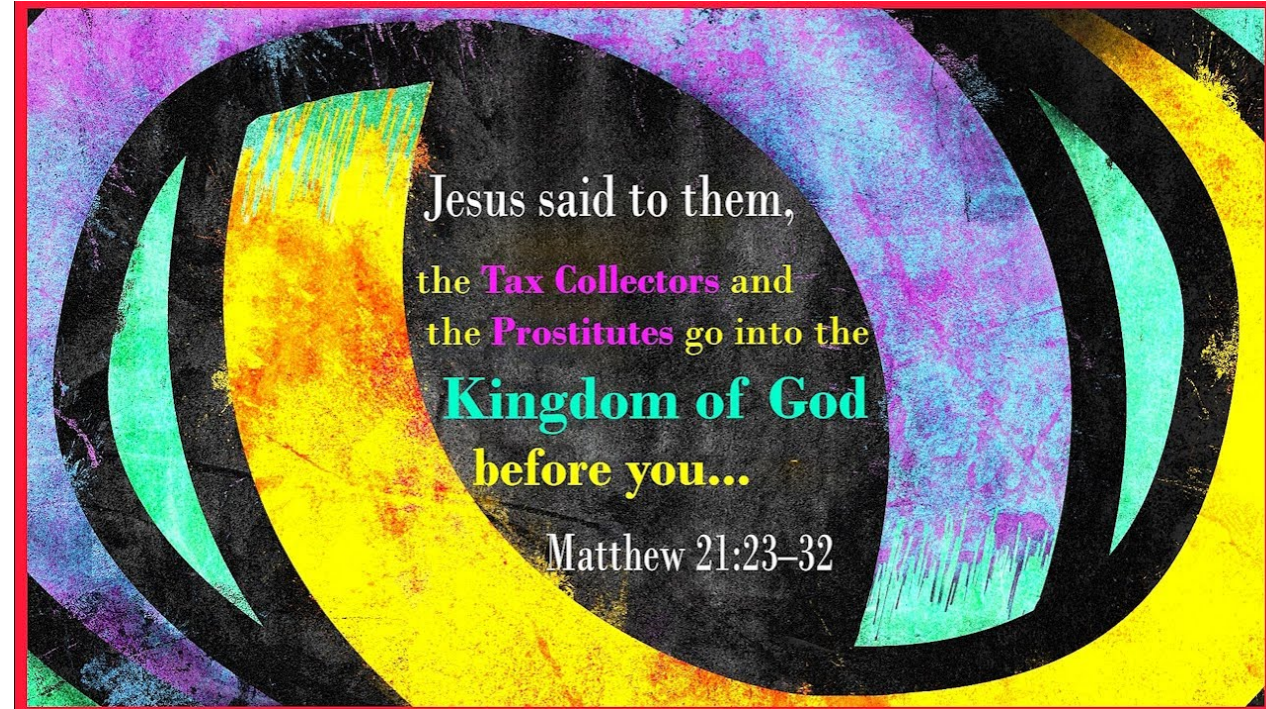
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