

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
September 20th, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(RALLY SUNDAY)

This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in service (outdoor).

*please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Grace to you and peace from God our Parent
and from our Savior Jesus Christ.

**We thank God as we remember one another
and celebrate our partnership in the gospel.**

God has begun a good work among us
and calls for our worthy, wholehearted involvement.

**We will stand side by side, firm in one spirit,
striving for the faith of the gospel.**

Let your life represent the good news,
and enter into fruitful labor on its behalf.

**No work of our hands can create anything
worthy of our full devotion.**

Recall God's wonderful works and steadfast love
as you seek to do your part.

We will turn away from our golden calves.

It is God who inspires, empowers, and blesses. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UMH 121 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

The gospel of Christ has drawn us once more to seek the realm of heaven. Your way, O God, surprise us, for your standards are not

our own. We want quick results, while you work patiently for steady transformation. We seek to comprehend within narrow limits, but you come to us to broaden our horizons. We dare to worship what we cannot see because Christ has demonstrated that your love is real. Love us now into becoming all we are meant to be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may stay with their parents for safety reasons.)

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

UMH 433 (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

SERMON *“God’s Fairness and Justice”* **Pastor Jenny Lee**
*(If you are not able to join us for Service, one of your family members
may read the written sermon.)*

We Respond to God’s Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison
Unpredictable God, whose generosity exceeds our imagination,
grant us the opportunity to work in your vineyard. We see to be
involved in your purposes, not for recognition and prestige, but
because we want your ways to prevail. Grant that more people
may join in your service and find the rewards and fulfillment we
discover when we are faithful. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
***DOXOLOGY** **UMH 95**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison
All the world is your vineyard, O God, and we are laborers
therein. The fruits of our labors are yours, but you allow us to
manage them for you. Most we use for our own benefit, but today
we bring a portion to help others, as you have commanded. We do
so joyfully, asking you to bless the work of your church here and
everywhere. Help us to be more faithful stewards. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***HYMN** *O God of Every Nation* **UMH 435 (vs. 1 &4)**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Jenny Lee**

POSTLUDE

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The United Methodist Church

8:15 am: In-Door Service at Central-Grantsburg
10:00 am: Drive -In-Service at Atlas Park

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