

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
October 11th, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We have come again to the mountain
where God's presence is made known.

**We are here to praise our Creator,
for God has done wonderful things.**

God makes clouds, lightning, and rain
and brings forth the wind from God's storehouse.

**God sent signs and wonders to save people
from the oppression of the Egyptians.**

God's name endures forever
among those on whom God's hand has rested.

**We rejoice in gifts of wisdom and truth
and in the compassion God extends to us.**

Bring thanksgiving and supplication to God,
who hears and answers our prayers.

**God has been our refuge and strength
and will supply everything we need. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

UMH 348 (vs. 1 & 4)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious God, enter our hearts to quiet the clamor of our busy days and fill the emptiness of aching hearts. Help us to put aside our work, our worries, and all distractions to focus on you. Bring eternal values to the center of our attention. May this hour be filled

with all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. We are ready to learn what you wish to teach us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *As We Gather at Your Table*

TFWS 2268 (vs. 1 & 3)

SERMON ***"God's Grace is Moving On"*** **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

God of hospitality and bountiful provisions, whose generous invitation we have often ignored and whose expectations we have defiled, help us now in these moments to hear your word for us, to see the possibilities you place before us, and to respond with joy. Where we have been unmindful of your generosity, fill us with new awareness of truth, honor, justice, purity, loveliness, graciousness, and excellence. May we never take lightly your invitation to the feast of life, where we hear your word and do it! 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

May our gifts be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God, for we present ourselves in a partnership of giving and receiving. We have enjoyed the bounty you provide; grant us now the depth of commitment we need to sacrifice all else for the privilege of serving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398 (vs. 1 & 5)

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

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ONE Parish THREE Churches:
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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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