

McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH

September 14, 2025

10:00 AM

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Awakening Chorus"* Patsy Wilson

Blessing of a Prayer Quilt

Call to Worship *"Into My Heart"* Chancel Choir

Opening Prayer Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We have been redeemed by the Lord, so that we can tell the world of God's love, forgiveness and grace.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you first loved us. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise *"Reckless Love"* Screen

\*The Statement of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Response *"Glory Be to the Father"* UMH 70

Liturgist

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Anthem

*“God of Glory, Lord of Love”*

Chancel Choir

## The Scripture Lesson

Luke 15: 1-10

Liturgist

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks Be to God**

## The Message

*"Love, Grace and the Lost"*

Rev. C. Nels Ledwell

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

*"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"* vs. 1,4,5

UMH 371

## Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. C. Nels Ledwell

### \*Sending Forth

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all and those you love. Amen. —Based on Proverbs 3:5-6.

\*Response

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH 95

## \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able

