

McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH
October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Peggy Thomas

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Reader: Most merciful Father, send your heavenly blessings upon this your Church, that all it's members may dwell together in unity and love.

All: Keep far from us all self-will and discord.

Reader: Endue your pastors with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to fulfill their ministry, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost.

All: And grant to us so to receive their ministrations, and to use your means of grace, that in

all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the advancement of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

***Celebration Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs 1,2, & 4

UMH 110

***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**

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Fran Love

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.

Special Music

"A Life Worth Living"

Robert Rennie & Marc Heyman

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

Liturgist

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the

other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks Be to God**

The Message *"Understanding Justification"* Fran Love

***Hymn of Dedication** *"God of Love and God of Power"* vs 1,4 UMH 578

Tithes, Offerings

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Fight the good fight. Finish the race. Keep the faith. Love deeply and live well. Claim the crown of righteousness,
Which is given to all who love God and who yearn for Christ's appearance.
Amen.

***Postlude**

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