

Reteaching Loveliness: The Story of Zacchaeus

Season of Pentecost – June 21, 2026

MEDITATION

“Sometimes it is necessary to reteach a thing its loveliness.” —Gregory Boyle

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“God Gives Us Those Who Love Us”

Music: John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: Come, all who are searching for a glimpse of God.

All: We come with hope in our hearts.

L: Come, all who have ever felt unseen, overlooked, or uncertain of your place.

All: We come seeking belonging and grace.

L: Come, for Christ still walks among us, calling us by name.

All: Christ sees us with love and welcomes us with joy.

L: Come, for the God who created us delights in us.

All: We are God's beloved children.

L: Let us worship the One who upholds those who are falling and raises up those who are bowed down.

All: Let us worship God with grateful hearts. Amen.

*SONG OF REJOICING

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” 2x

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REPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: Loving God, before we ever sought you, you were seeking us. Before we ever called your name, you knew us and loved us. You see beyond the labels we wear, the mistakes we carry, and the stories others tell about us. You see the beauty you placed within us from the beginning.

All: In this hour of worship, quiet the voices that tell us we are not enough. Help us to rest in your tender gaze. Open our hearts to receive your love and to share that love with others.

L: Teach us again our own loveliness. Teach us to see our neighbors as beloved. Teach us to belong to one another as you have always intended.

All: May this time of worship draw us closer to you, closer to one another, and closer to the people you are calling us to become. Through Christ, who welcomes us with joy, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “This is a Day of New Beginnings” vs. 1-4 *Black 417*

WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN *Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director*

ANTHEM “A Family of Love” *Words/Music: Mary McDonald
Choir*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 145:10-14, p. 714; Luke 19:1-10, p. 100
Chris Pollini, Deacon & Cliff Moore, Lay Reader

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION “Reaching Loveliness” *Rev. Christina Williams*

RESPONSIVE HYMN “Amazing Grace” vs.1,2,3,5 *Black 547*

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys or concerns out loud during the prayers of the people. Please respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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. All are invited to sing “Amen”. (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “You Raise Me Up” *Words/Music: Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham*
Sung by Alan King, Clifford Moore & Christopher Polloni

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, everything we have is a gift from your hand: our lives, our relationships, our daily bread. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts and ourselves to you. Use them to build communities of compassion, to strengthen bonds of belonging, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to remind people of their worth and dignity. May these offerings become signs of your love in the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” *Black 476*

***BENEDICTON**

SUNG BENEDICTION “Spirit of Life” *Carolyn McDade*
Choir

POSTLUDE “Sun of My Soul”
Vienna c. 1774, Transcribed: Clarence Kohlmann

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Lay Reader: Clifford Moore; Choir, Alan King, Clifford Moore, Chris Polloni, Malcolm McDonald, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas; Hospitality, Marsha Martin; Food Donation, Jean Sawyer

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister; Stephanie Miles, Music Director; Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director, Chris Polloni, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk is an invitation to stand if you are able. **Bold text** indicates speaking in unison.*
 2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts, conversation, and games with Lisa Allen.*
 3. **Take Two:** *This adult faith formation group meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Join the conversation this Sunday in the small classroom.*
 4. **Coffee & Conversation:** *Gather with us after worship to greet friends and make new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
 5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina Williams or Deacon of the day.*
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