

*As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.  
May we together experience the presence of God*

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**We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord**

**Prelude – Welcome - Announcements**

**Opening Meditation**

**A Call to Worship**

We are called to hold tight to words that bring life.

**We know God is speaking good news through scripture, song, and neighbors, both known and new to us.**

We listen for grace at work in everything, for good, for life.

**We know wise words serve Love’s purpose.**

In all we say and do, we are learning what it means to be faithful – as those called “to serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free.”

**We thank God for the good news of Jesus’ love and healing words of life.**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**Our beloved Father we honor and praise you for loving each one of us. Help us to show your love to our families and neighbors. Open our hearts and minds to new paths, glorifying your name. This we ask, in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Praise Hymn FWS #2196 “We Walk by Faith”**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Gospel Reading..... Matthew 22:1-14(NRSV)**

The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

**Children’s Message**

**Faith Hymn UMH #75**

**“All people that on earth do dwell”**

**\*Meditation\***

Steve Wesenberg

**Joys and Concerns**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

(Inspired by Mark 10:46-52, Job 42, Hebrews 7:23-28)

Heavenly Father, like Job, when we ask for your presence and intervention, we will end up on knees, astounded at your greatness, and humbled by our own unworthiness.

**Loving God, you hear our prayers:** You live among us.

Holy Spirit, when we tearfully share our hopes and dreams with you, you promise a harvest of joy. Fill us with expectations of your goodness.

**Loving God, you hear our prayers:** You live among us.

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest and intercessor for our sins, help us live as your children, trusting that we are also children of the Heavenly Father.

**Loving God, you hear our prayers:** You live among us.

Lord Jesus, healer of Bartimaeus' blindness, help us see you in this world active in love, and help us see you by our side, so we may walk your way without stumbling.

**Loving God, you hear our prayers:** You live among us.

Lord Jesus, Great Physician, hear now the names of those we know who need your healing \_\_\_\_.

**Loving God, you hear our prayers:** You live among us.

The love of God has won. The new life has begun.. In the Name of the One who paid the price, we pray. Our Father

**Offertory/Doxology/Prayer**

**Departing Hymn #170 "O How I Love Jesus"**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

### **Prairieland Parish Events**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – Laity Sunday**

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Jon and Bridget at conference clergy meeting 9-5pm @ Hennepin Ave UMC

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Racine community Halloween Serving free pizza & Ice Cream with games for kids

