Christ-Like Humility

24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

Jesus often gives us a picture of Himself when He speaks in parables. And while humbleness flows throughout all of our readings today, our Gospel Lesson (which is a parable) drives home a call for humility in our relationships and a readiness to welcome everyone into our midst. Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. Your relationship with him is unshakable… but, how is your relationship with everyone else?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING **"Me On Your Mind"**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: Led to a spirit of repentance by God the Holy Spirit, we come before God confessing our sins to Him.
P: Dear Heavenly Father, we so often find ourselves struggling with our self-centered ways. We place our own wisdom above Your wisdom – and we find ourselves misguided. We place our own desires above Your desires – and we find ourselves wandering. We love ourselves before we love You – and find ourselves hurting. We serve ourselves, failing to recognize our neighbors' needs – and find ourselves coming up empty.
C: Turn our hearts, Lord, to fear, love, and trust You above all things. Forgive our sins, for Jesus' sake, and raise us up to live the new life He has won for us. In His name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WE SING **"Less Like Me"**

WE PRAY

We Hear God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Proverbs 25:6-11**

6 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place
among great men; 7 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for
him to humiliate you before a nobleman. What you have seen with your eyes
8 do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbor
puts you to shame? 9 If you argue your case with a neighbor, do not betray
another man's confidence, 10 or he who hears it may shame you and you will
never lose your bad reputation. 11 A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in
settings of silver.

EPISTLE LESSON **Hebrews 13:1-8**

1 Keep on loving each other as brothers. 2 Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without
knowing it. 3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners,
and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

[4]Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. [5]Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [6]So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

[7]Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [8]Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

GOSPEL READING **Luke 14:1-14**

[1]One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched. [2]There in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. [3]Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" [4]But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, He healed him and sent him away. [5]Then He asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" [6]And they had nothing to say. [7]When He noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, He told them this parable: [8]"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. [9]If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. [10]But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. [11]For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." [12]Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

[13]But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, [14]and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

KIDS' TIME *DCE Liz Peters*

MESSAGE **"Humiliating Grace"** *Pastor Doug Slavens*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH – NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

God Strengthens Us For Service In The Lord's Supper

PREFACE

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE SING **"Lord, I Need You"**
"Grace Alone"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE SING **"This Is What We Live For"**

CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good! We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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