

November 21, 2021 / 8:15 and 10:35 – Worship Guide

Co-Pastors: Rev. Ron Harris and Rev. Karla Sheffy

Worship Musicians: Sue Woods, Cheryl Doty & Abby Worley

Ministry of Music: Jubilee Ringers Bell Choir  
and Sanctuary Choir



## Gathering Music

Welcome -Rev. Ron Harris *Welcome to worship this morning!*

## Prelude

### Threshold Moment: Rev. Ron Harris

*There's no question that money is a big day-to-day issue in all our lives - regardless of how much of it we have. In fact, if you add up the hours we spend making, spending, worrying about, fighting over, protecting, and managing money, we would find we spend a lot of our waking hours focused on money. Wealth is a constant theme in the Old Testament and Jesus spoke and taught about it. In our United Methodist tradition we find John Wesley's words "Gain all you can, Save all you can, and Give all you can" can still speak wisdom for us today. Money is a powerful tool that can be used for good or bad. Our calling as followers of Christ is to use the tools and gifts we are blessed with for good. Let us grow in wisdom to use this tool to love God and to love our neighbor more fully.*

## Opening Hymn

**"You Are the Seed"  
"Shout to the North"**

**UMH 583 (v.1)  
W&S 3042**

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer: Rev. Ron Harris

Children's Moment (10:35 only) Rev. Ron Harris

Special Music: **"Grateful"** by Alex Guebert - Jubilee Ringers Bell Choir Directed by Janine Henry

## Scripture Reading Mark 10:17-27

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

**Sermon**

**“Saving Grace: Commitments”**

**Rev. Karla Sheffy**

**Special Music**

**“You Raise Me Up” - Sanctuary Choir directed by Abby Worley**

**Special Message: Don Hill**

**Responding in Gratitude for God’s Gifts with our Offerings – Rev. Ron Haris**

**Invitation**

**\* The Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94**

**\* Prayer of Commitment (unison)- Rev. Ron Harris**

**We praise God from whom all blessings flow. Lord, you gave us your most precious and holy gift, Jesus Christ. Thank you for your Son and the Church. Thank you for your enduring love, your limitless mercy, and your amazing grace. Help us to move forward in faith, so that we may grow in love and generosity. Open our hearts and minds as we seek your will for our church, our community, and ourselves. Challenge and inspire us to use the gifts we have received to serve others. Bless the commitments we make each day to live for you with our resources of money, time, abilities, and compassion. As we commit our resources today, we offer them in love to be spread far and wide. In your holy name, we humbly pray. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**UMH 384**

**Sharing Opportunities for Ministry - Rev. Ron Harris**

**Benediction - Rev. Karla Sheffy**

**Postlude**

*Announcement slides*

**Sue Woods**