

## GATHERING

**\*SONG**                      **Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

**\*SONG**                      **In the Garden**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The concerns are followed by:  
**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

## PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

**\*SONG**      **Go Rest High On That Mountain**

McEver Singers

## THE WORD

### Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ <sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## PRAYER

**SERMON**      **The Kingdom Doesn't Keep Score**

Reverend Tyler Jackson

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. When have you found yourself comparing your faithfulness, work, or sacrifice to someone else's—and how did that comparison affect your ability to celebrate God's generosity?
2. How has walking with God over the years been a gift in itself, rather than simply a way of earning a future reward?
3. Who in your life would you struggle to celebrate if they experienced God's grace, forgiveness, or transformation today—and what might that reveal about your understanding of God's generosity?

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITY

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## DOXOLOGY

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**\*SONG**

## Sweet Beulah Land

All

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Tyler

**Leader:** As we leave this place, we remember that God's kingdom is built on grace, not comparison.

**All: Help us celebrate those who come to you, whether early or late, because we rejoice in the generosity of God as we *Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ.* Amen!**

## Notes & Take Aways

## Announcements and Events

### Trunk or Treat Candy Donations

It's that time of year where we prepare for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event by asking for your help! We'll have lots of fun activities planned - more details coming soon, but in the meantime, we'd love for you to bring donated candy (individually wrapped) to the church during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings. Of course, we'll need your trunk! We'll be sharing an online sign-up soon so you can grab your spot and decorate a trunk for some community fun! If you have any questions or are willing to help, please reach out to Zoe Ruzek at [family@mceverumc.org](mailto:family@mceverumc.org)

### South Hall Community Food Pantry Needs

24oz jars of Pasta Sauce  
1lb (pound) packages of rice and beans  
15oz-16oz cans of fruit  
15oz or 18oz jelly (grape or strawberry)  
Bagged dog and cat food

Clean, empty 12ct. egg cartons

Please place these items on the table  
in the Bagley Annex kitchen.

### Visit the Church Shop!

Get your church branded t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts and more from our new online church merch shop! Ordering online is easy and everything ships directly to your front door! You'll find a link on our website!

<https://thechurch.shop/shop/mcever-road-church/>

### Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in remembrance of the birthday of Lamar Jordan.

"Rest in peace, Lamar - Your birthday is a gift of remembrance."

Journey to Bethlehem  
Sunday School Class

## REMINDER: Service Schedule Change Sunday, September 27th

**Holy Grounds: 9:00am**

**Sunday Schools: 10:00am**

**Worship: 11:00am**



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### Today's Greeters

10:00am: Robin Schick and Mike Schick

Church Wi-Fi: MCEVER  
Password: 5226McEver

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*Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ*

### Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the "odd-one-out," are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church  
We're so glad you're here!

### Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

### Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House

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