

Ordinary Time: 12th Sunday After Pentecost - August 31, 2025

If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, **we welcome you in Christ's name**. We invite you to stand, if you are able, where there is a "†" (cross) in the program and to join in speaking with the congregation any parts that are in **bold** type. Our Communion, normally held the first Sunday of every month, is open to all.

Today's Musician: Pam Laue

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Prelude: *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* Robert Lowry

Reflection: *God, we thank you for all of our many blessings in life. And although it is not always easy to see them, we ask that you help remind us of these blessings today. That we may feel your presence and live into the hope to which you have called us. AMEN.*

† **Responsive Call to Worship** from *Psalms* 130

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

Many: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

One: Come together and wait for God.

Many: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

Many: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

† **Responsive Call to Worship**

† **Opening Hymn** *"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"* NCH # 551

† **Passing of the Peace**

Offering Invitation: *We express our dedication and thankfulness to God through our presence here & online as well as through the giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, & our offerings. This church prays to be a true & faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ & asks God's blessing on these offerings in Jesus' Name!*

Children's Moment

Today's Scriptures

Old Testament ~ *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Our Response ~ *Psalms* 112 NCH pg. 697

New Testament ~ *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Unison Confession: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, but often we fall short of the love that God has for us, and that God expects from us in return. Let us confess our shortcomings and limits of our trust.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: God's love for us is enduring & available in a deep way right now. The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings us new life & transformation is arriving even as we speak & worship!

Responsive Prayers for the World by the People

Response: "Holy One, hear our prayer."

The Prayer of Our Savior

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, & forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom & the power & the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: *"Make Me a Captive, Lord"* Insert

Sermon "In Praise of Cracked Vessels" Pastor Jono

Special Music: *"I Then Shall Live"* Gloria Gaither/Jean Sibelius

Sharing of Announcements, Prayer Updates, Joys and Concerns

-Bible Group will meet briefly after service today to discuss a new book/topic.

-Interested in helping out with Children's Education this school year?

There are 2 groups: K-6 will start Wednesday, September 3rd. And 7-12 will start Oct. 1. If you're interested, let Katie, Karly, Whitney, or Pastor Jono know! **Parents: there is also a sign-up for snacks in the hall!**

-FALL Sign-Ups are now available! If you want to read, play music, help out with littles, or join a hospitality group until then, please sign up in the hall or online!

-If you want to sign up for our Weekly Newsletter, visit our website pinedalecommunityucc.org and sign-up at the bottom of any page!

† **Closing Hymn** *"Just as I Am"* NCH # 207

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional** *"The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James' Air)"* Traditional

THE WAY UP IS DOWN

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**"To answer before listening—
that is folly and shame."**

Proverbs 18:13