

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

Continuing God's Story Together

"Let this little message be but a reminder,
and I will continue with the story."

2 Maccabees 6:17

Worship Participants

Deacon: Diane Ranney

Welcomers: Merry Sue Ahlgren, Midge Horn

Reader: Chris Bartley

Announcer: Merry Sue Ahlgren

Prelude

Welcome

Song

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison)

Deacon

Holy God,

You see the broken places in our lives and in the world.

Calm our racing thoughts, breaking hearts and quiet our complaints.

Help us fix our eyes on your goodness and presence as we worship you now.

Amen

Song

I am Here in the Heart of God

Scripture:

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVUE)

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 20:

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you

no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

May God bless this reading and our understanding. Amen

God’s Stories

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Message for All Ages

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Sermon

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Song

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen**

Offering

Invitation

Song

Dedication

Oceans

Send Forth Song

Multiplied

Benediction

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Announcements

Postlude