

# THE PRESENT WORD

## W O R S H I P   L E A F L E T

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord,

**Who delights in the welfare of his servant.**

Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness

**And of your praise all day long.**

### PRAYER

O Lord, we lift our hearts to you in praise all day long. Hear our words of praise and joy. You call us to worship, to give thanks for all you have done for us and all creation. You call us together to study your written Word as guidance for our lives as we seek to be faithful. You call us just as we are with the promise that you will be with us and will protect us in life and all its perils. We have heard your call and come freely to you seeking your love and support. Amen.

### HYMN: "Just as I Am"

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 14:7-14 (*To be read from the reverse side, responsively or in unison.*)

### PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. We thank you for your Spirit's presence in our lives. Tear down the barriers that keep us from showing love and concern to others. Free us from the need to put down others as we elevate ourselves. Show us a way to true humility, that new life can be born in us as we continue to grow into the people you would have us be. Give us eyes to see the needs of those around us. Help us to identify resources to meet those needs. Use us as your hands and feet to help others, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### HYMN: "Just as I Am"

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## CALLED TO HUMILITY AND HOSPITALITY

SCRIPTURE READING FOR TODAY: Luke 14:7-14

**14:7** When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

**<sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;**

**<sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.**

**<sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.**

**<sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

**<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.**

**<sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.**

**<sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

**A VERSE TO REMEMBER:** “For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” (Luke 14:11)

**FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** A Costly Call (Mark 1:16-20; Luke 14:25-33)