

**ONLINE WORSHIP October 11, 2020**

**HYMNS: Norton Park UMC**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK – Matthew 22:14**

<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**WELCOME/CHECKING IN**

**Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The depth, breadth and height of God’s creation knows no bounds

**P: We are called to be stewards of God’s world.**

L: Who is exempt from the love of God?

**P: Even though we turn away from God, God’s love is still poured out to us.**

L: God, heal our wounded spirits, encourage and inspire us to do your will.

**A: Be present with us as we grow and learn in our faith. AMEN.**

Ministries Matter

**GATHERING UNISON PRAYER**

**Open our hearts and our spirits to long for your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us yearn to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

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**HYMN – “As the Deer” FWS #2025 (Sing twice)**

**KINGDOM TIME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC – “I’ll Stand By You” The Pretenders**

**Sung by Debbie Merrick, accompanied by Phyllis Kruell, Asbury UMC**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Psalm 42:1-2**

**Longing for God and His Help in Distress**

<sup>1</sup>As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

**Matthew 22:1-14**

**The Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his

slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

### **MESSAGE –“Let Us Go to the House of the Lord”**

#### **INVITATION TO GIVE TO THE LIVING CHRIST, OURSELVES, OUR LOVE AND OUR GIFTS**

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:

Mail your offering to:

Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

#### **DOXOLOGY – “We Give Thee But Thine Own” CH #816 vs. 1 (Norton Park)**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

#### **HYMN – “Jesus Calls Us” UMH #398 vs. 1,2,3**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL**

#### **DISMISSAL HYMN “As We Go” Worship & Song #3183 (Asbury)**