

## **Worship Notes for October 18, 2020 - Orrville Trinity UMC**

### **“The Generous Seed Planter” Series**

#### **WEEK #3: “Investing in New Wineskins”**

#### **This Week’s Scripture Passage: Mark 2:13-22 (CEB)**

*<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out beside the lake again. The whole crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. <sup>14</sup> As he continued along, he saw Levi, Alphaeus’ son, sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Levi got up and followed him.*

*<sup>15</sup> Jesus sat down to eat at Levi’s house. Many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. Indeed, many of them had become his followers. <sup>16</sup> When some of the legal experts from among the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, “Why is he eating with sinners and tax collectors?”*

*<sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn’t come to call righteous people, but sinners.”*

*<sup>18</sup> John’s disciples and the Pharisees had a habit of fasting. Some people asked Jesus, “Why do John’s disciples and the Pharisees’ disciples fast, but yours don’t?”*

*<sup>19</sup> Jesus said, “The wedding guests can’t fast while the groom is with them, can they? As long as they have the groom with them, they can’t fast. <sup>20</sup> But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.*

*<sup>21</sup> “No one sews a piece of new, unshrunk cloth on old clothes; otherwise, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and makes a worse tear. <sup>22</sup> No one pours new wine into old leather wineskins; otherwise, the wine would burst the wineskins and the wine would be lost and the wineskins destroyed. But new wine is for new wineskins.”*

#### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION**

- Can you relate to the examples/metaphors Jesus shares in verses 21-22? What kind of damage would happen if one used a new, unshrunk cloth to patch old clothing? What kind of damage would be caused if new wine is put into old wineskins? How might that speak to us as we figure out how best to communicate the Good News of Jesus today?
- Talk about how your use of online/digital media has changed over the last 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years. How have you seen the church (not just TUMC) adapt to this new reality? What seems to be working? What might we be missing?
- During this year, 2020, how have you seen digital technology help keep people connected to God and each other? What is still missing in this ‘hi-tech, low-touch’ environment that you are looking forward to experiencing again soon?
- Close in prayer and consider how you might use digital tools to grow in faith.