

Worship Leader Edition
Second Sunday in Lent
Where is Your Treasure?

March 16, 2025

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Rob)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {Front Center} (Rob)

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L: God's steadfast love is everlasting. God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us. *(Please take a moment for silent reflection)*

L: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not loved ourselves as you love us. In your mercy forgive us our sins, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Beloved community, by God's radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace. Through Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Sharing God's love that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Let us live in the hope that does not disappoint.

C: Thanks be to God!

+OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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Verse 1

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Verse 3

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Verse 2

Skills and time are our for pressing,
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.

+GREETING {Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)

L: Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Everything that brings true lasting joy comes from your hand. Everything we could possibly need or want is found in you, and apart from you we have no good thing. You are God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving our transgression and sin. Help us to trust you today and always. Amen

C: Amen.

(After Prayer of the Day, please say, "Please be seated")

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {On Floor Pulpit Side} (Andrea)

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Betty Bender)

2nd Corinthians 9:6-9

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL (Rob)

Luke 12:13-34

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

*Verses 1, 4 & 5***Verse 1**

All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
by their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.

Verse 4

Well you know what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
as you will, so be it ever;
I commit to you my way.

Verse 5

If on earth my days should lengthen,
God my weary soul still strengthen;
all my trust in you I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding;
like a steam away it's gliding;
safe I anchor in your grace.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Rob*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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C: 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; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Where Your Treasure Is”
St. Luke’s Choir

Marty Haugen

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks for the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. May the taste of this meal linger so that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Give us courage to hear what may seem harsh so that we can find a deeper relationship with you. To your glory,

C: Amen.

SENDING

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Jane Nechville, Community Life

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Let us follow Jesus’ way. Rejoice in hope, hold fast to what is good, persevere in prayer. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord”

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Verse 1

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to you
my heartfelt thanks and praise are due;
you have so lovingly bestowed
on me your body and your blood.

Verse 2

Break forth, my soul, in joy and say
What wealth has come to me today!
My Savior dwells within my soul
and makes my wounded spirit whole!

+DISMISSAL {*Back*} (*Rob*)

L: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE