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NOVEMBER 15TH, 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM

PRELUDE "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" David Renaker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Jonathan Wright

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.
Many: **This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**
One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.
Many: **This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**
One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!
Many: **This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

MUSICAL OFFERING "Because I Have Been Given Much" David Renaker

CALL TO REPENTANCE

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Jonathan Wright

Again, we must confess, Master of All, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jonathan Wright

PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jonathan Wright

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30

25 ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents,^[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have

nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker
Bekah Anderson, Heather Benoit, Ginny Ezekiel, Kimberly Green, Sam Kirkpatrick, Daniel Moore, Rick Reed

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord,
Thou my great Father, I thy true Son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven after victory won may I reach heaven's joy, O heavens sun,
Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Leah Wright

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

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 again 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 CHARGE AND BENEDICTION All join the Pastor in saying, **"Alleluia! Amen."**

POSTLUDE "Allemanda" David Renaker

THE CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson	Pastor
Robert Newman	Program Director
Dr. Larry E. Hardin	Director of Music Ministry
David Renaker	Organist
Jeanie Covin	Director of Day School
Betsy Murphy	Church Administrator
Dereck Stewart	Sexton

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Rick, Reed, Treasurer

Mark Ezekiel, Clerk of the Session

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Doug Deslattes**, at home for continued recovery from around-the-clock chemotherapy treatments. Pray for his strength.
- **Janet Nebrig**, having breast cancer surgery Friday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this morning at 9:00 AM on Zoom for our Sunday School offerings. This morning the **Advent Class** will use their regular class curriculum, Feasting on the Word. Also, Robert Newman will be teaching a class entitled, "**Unraveled, Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart.**" This class addresses leaning on God in times of struggle. The **Topic Class**, led by deNay Kirkpatrick, will be meeting today discussing Paul and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

Our Zoom link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/919202336?pwd=VTJHSUZtdDdRQ0g1aC95aytKT1I3Zz09>

Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch, your lawn chair, and a mask and join us on the upper lawn today at noon. We will eat and then have a time of prayer and song at 12:30. We would love to see you!

This gathering takes the place of our evening vespers and will continue each Sunday, weather permitting.