

Worship Outline

September 22, 2019

Guest Preacher: Jay Kanerva

Congregational Meeting

Gathering

Prelude

Praise and Thanksgiving

Wood

Introit

Within These Walls

West

+Call to Worship (responsive)

We come together,

still thinking about our daily routines and concerns:

What's for lunch? What still needs to be done?

What's happening this week?

God invites us now to take a deep breath

and turn our attention in a different direction:

Where is the Spirit at work? Where is Jesus present today?

Where is God creating something new among us?

So let us quiet the voices within us

and be attentive to God's voice

speaking to us in this hour.

Let us worship God.

+Invocation

Let us pray...

God of Great Wisdom,

You are beyond our imagining, beyond our control,
and sometimes beyond our comfort zone.

You amaze us.

You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve,

and in response, we are not only grateful but determined to be faithful stewards.
Receive our worship this day, O God.
Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour
and amaze us once again in your presence.
Amen.

+Hymn 63

The Lord Is God

Unison Prayer of Confession
Even though we continually turn away from God,
the Lord is eager to forgive.
Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us confess our sin.

**God of Goodness,
You share your abundance with us
and shower us with gifts.
But we confess that we have squandered those gifts.
We have wasted knowledge, friendship, beauty and wealth;
we have squandered our time and energy,
sometimes even our trust and love.
Forgive our foolishness.
Have mercy on us.
Teach us new ways of living out your love
in the world today and every day,
with the help of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour.
Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance
Dear friends, while it is true that we have sinned and squandered God's gifts,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.
Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song 399

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.***

Let's sing it three times.

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

Fill the Earth With Music

Schwoebel
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 16: 1-13

In preparation for the reading and hearing of God's word, let us pray.

Loving God, you teach us that if we are lacking in wisdom, we should turn to you and ask for what we need, because you give to all generously and ungrudgingly. We know that we have so much to learn about your way; open wide your word to us, and give us wisdom to understand the things you want to teach us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A reading from the gospel of Luke. Let us listen for God's word given to us this day.

Then Jesus^[a] said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ 3 Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ 5 So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ 7 Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth^[b] so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.^[c]

10 “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,^[d] who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”^[e]

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

Sermon
Kanerva

Rev. Jay

+Hymn 697

Take My

Life

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

Choral Prayer Response

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Offering

Invitation

Today's parable isn't crystal clear, but to Jesus, justice in matters of money is clearly important, and taking advantage of those without it is deplorable. In this moment as we collect our tithes and offerings, as well as throughout this week and beyond, let us contemplate how we can serve God and not wealth.

Impact Statement (Stewardship speaker)

+Doxology 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+Dedication

O Holy One, may what we have brought from our pockets and what we bring of ourselves today heal and not harm, include and not dismiss, act with compassion and not disdain, and further your will and work here on earth. Amen.

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+Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

Call the Meeting to Order - Jay

Let us pray...
Report of the Nominating Committee

+Benediction and Blessing

+Congregational Benediction 648

***Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what
God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people
Forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

NO Postlude REQUIRED