



24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

Prelude

My Country Tis of Thee, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship - God calls us to use our gifts for the building of God's kingdom. But we're afraid. Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back. But our gifts seem so small. The Spirit offers us everything we need. But what if we fail? Trust the gifts you have been given. We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.~

Gathering Prayer - There is a richness here – richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. There is a richness here – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. The richness holds us in our weakness, fills us in our hunger, so here, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found. Let this time together, wherever and whenever we gather, inspire us in richness and grace. Amen.+

Song 1

To God Be the Glory, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer: *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Song 2

O, Jesus, I Have Promised, YouTube

We Hear God's Word

Matthew 25:14-30 (CEB)

¹⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

¹⁶ “After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²² “The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²⁴ “Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? ²⁷ In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸ Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹ Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away

from them. ³⁰ Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’

“People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.”

Special Music

They’ll Know We Are Christians, Martha Main,
Michael Main, Ethan Main, Matt Main, and Karie Hahn

Meditation

Courage to Risk

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

You’re invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

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The Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

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

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

We Give Thanks – O God, we have come, and what a delight it has been! We have come before your table with gifts – gifts of ourselves, gifts of risk, gifts of newness, gifts of trust. We thank you for the chance to give, and pray that we and all whom our gifts bless will never be the same. Through our greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.+

Song 3

Go, My Children, with My Blessing, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing - Go now as children of the light: Ready to serve, eager to give, delighted to love. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.+

Postlude

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, Martha Main, YouTube

