

Sunday November 15th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to use our gifts for the building of God's Kingdom.

All: But we are afraid.

One: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

All: But our gifts seem so small.

One: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

All: But what if we fail?

One: Trust the gifts you have been given.

All: We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 339 “When Morning Gilds The Skies”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer, you know the seasons of our lives. Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away, that we may be reborn in your light. Lead us into a season of light and warmth: a season of joy; a season of sober judgement; a season where your children clothe themselves in the breastplate of faith and hope, and the helmet of hope and salvation. Help us put aside the ways of darkness and live as children of light. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 353 “Tis A Gift To Be Simple”

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Faithful steward, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We longed to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your Kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that you have done for us and the opportunities you place before us. Clear our vision, holy one, and help us see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Rejoice, sisters and brothers, for our gifts and talents. Hear these words of assurance: "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master."

All: We give thanks for the gift of forgiveness. Amen.

Anthem: Color Music – "*You Raise Me Up*"

Message: Give It A Go

Hymn: VU 217 "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

The Offering

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.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 664 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: *African Children's Choir* – "*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*"