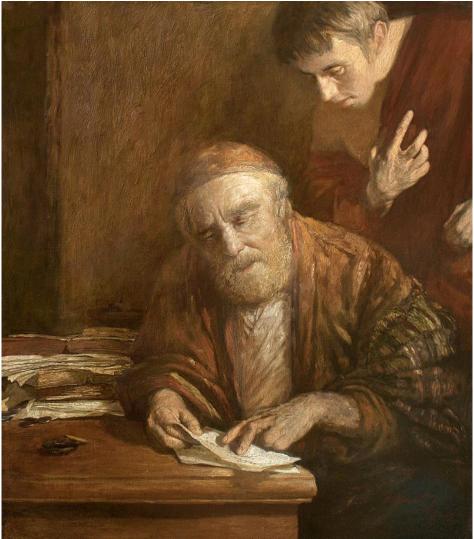




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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 12) July 25, 2021



Parable of the Unjust Steward; Andrei Nikolaevich

C.J. Briggs, Music Director Julie Lehmann, Secretary *I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.* ~ Luke 16:9

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	PRELUDE IN C MINOR	J.S. Bach		
*CALL TO WO	DRSHIP (Inspired by Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-6)			
Creator God, you call us to hospitality;				
to give as ge	nerously to others as you have given to us.			
For there an	e angels among us.			
Loving God,	you call us to give you glory			
in the compa	ssion we show to one another.			
To love with	nout judgment, of ourselves or of others.			
We gather as	s one Body,			
seeking to w	alk in the way you have set for us.			
We gather a	s one Body,			
to worship t	he one who is Love.			
HYMN	I'LL PRAISE MY MAKER	GTG #806		

By Isaac Watts and John Wesley

OLD 113TH

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of Creation, we confess that we have squandered your gifts and used them as if they had been given for us alone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.*

*RESPONSE	LORD, HAVE MERCY	GTG #551
	American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx	LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: We have not been faithful in all things. But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness. Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness, embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Glory to God! We are forgiven. We have hope. We will respond. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ALLELUIA	HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!	GTG #591
	Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell	HALLE HALLE

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE	2 SAMUEL 11:1-15	(NRSV)
ANTHEM	JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE	GTG #830
By Johann Franck &	Catherine Winkworth; Music by Johann	n Cruger, harm. Bach
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 16:1-8	(NRSV)
Hear what the Ho	ly Spirit is telling God's people. Th	anks be to God.
SERMON	GENEROUS FRIENDSHIP	Amanda Horan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY Words by Thomas Ken GTG #606 old hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 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.

~ SENDING ~

HYMN	LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY	GTG #526
	By Fred Kaan; Jamaican Melody adapt. Doreen Potter	LINSTEAD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR

J.S. Bach

Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee and tea.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA; *Presbyterian Outlook*, McDowell Ott; and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; (NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version