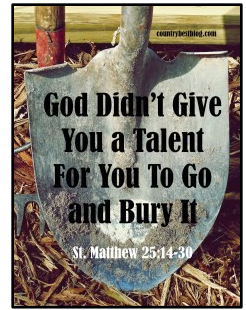




Sunday, November 15th, 2020 Service – Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
On Earth as in Heaven: God's Call for Justice 6



PRELUDE *“Autumn”* - Stickles

INTROIT *“Open My Eyes”* - George Van Otten, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

For the bounty of the earth,
We give You thanks, O God,
And heed Your call to care for the earth.
For food and water and shelter,
We give You thanks, O God,
And heed Your call to serve one another.
For abundant and eternal life,
We give You thanks, O God,
And heed Your call to love You, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
For all things in all seasons,
We give You thanks, O God,
As we enter this time of worship with praise and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN *“Come! Live in the Light!”* #749

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain:

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of Wholeness, we confess to You that we have wanted our share. We have taken what we thought we deserved. We have declared we worked for it, we earned it, so it is ours. We have claimed authority to determine who is worthy of our aid. Forgive us for our selfishness. Call us into the work of justice for those who are hungry, those who are without shelter, those who are without healthcare. In the name of Your Son Jesus, who came so that all might have life abundantly, we pray. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

God's steadfast love endures forever.

There is no place we can go where God's love cannot find us.

There is nothing we can do that God's love cannot redeem us.

God's love is eternal, so surrender yourself to God.

God's faithfulness endures forever, so give yourself up to God.

Know God's love, and go and love others. **Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME - Debbie Wood

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Stewardship

SPECIAL MUSIC "*The God Who Stays*" - West, Smith, Pruis Debi Godwin, soloist

SCRIPTURE – THE PSALMS Psalm 123

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
 O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- ² As the eyes of servants
 look to the hand of their master,
 as the eyes of a maid
 to the hand of her mistress,
 so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
 until he has mercy upon us.
- ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
 for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- ⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill
 of the scorn of those who are at ease,
 of the contempt of the proud.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-30

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then 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.' ²¹ His 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.’ ²² And 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.’ ²³ His 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.’ ²⁴ Then 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; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But 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? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For 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.’

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SERMON

“Generosity Toward God”
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RESPONSE The Apostle’s 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 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.

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

CLOSING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” #726

Vs. 1, 2 and 5

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Give Thanks” #647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, “We are strong;”
Let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

POSTLUDE “Gloria” - Mozart

Participants:

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher
Deacon Cindy Hay – Worship Leader
Elder George Van Otten – Introit
Debi Godwin – Special Music
Elder Debbie Wood – Children’s Time
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR *Happens at 11:15 a.m.*

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