

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Here I Am, Lord” setting Janet Linker

Invocation

*Hymn: #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Wonderful Words of Life” Van Denman Thompson

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #707 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-29

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

Sermon: **Talents Shared**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn: #697 “Take My Life”

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of **Galen Stoltzfus**
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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK:

R. Scott, Cathy, Brendon, Kelsi & Taryn Shenk

Today is our annual **Congregational Meeting** following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2021 and elect new officers for 2021. A few copies of the budget are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Peanut butter bonbons are now available here. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$6.50 per container. If you want to order some candy call the church office or Carol Shearer. Get them now for Thanksgiving or order them for Christmas.

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex near the east vestibule door. The Marines would appreciate your generosity even more so this year because they feel giving will be less. Most needed are toys for children 0-2 years & 9-12 years. For ages 9-12, it could be a watch, makeup kit, jewelry, wallet, etc. Last year was great, and I hope you all can give again. Thank you!
Dave Berkhimer

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