

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
THEME: Cultivating Generosity – Part 1

Sunday, October 23, 2022



“You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13

### GATHERING

*Prelude:*

“Gather Us In”  
Based on Hymn #401

John Benke

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Our Praise in Song: #701 “Lord, Prepare Me” (twice) (see download)

\*Call to Worship Jeremiah 31:27-31, 33b-34

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

**People: And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.**

Leader: In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Indeed the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

**People: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will put my**

**law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Leader: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me.

**People: From the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

\*Hymn: #688 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (see download)

Prayer of the Day

**God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. Sometimes we are those ones. Redeem us. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. In ways we are not already there, lead us into the generous life. AMEN**

\*Response: The Doxology #606

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Anthem:*

“A Harvest Song”

Patty Drennan

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13 Living Bible

Sermon

**“God and the Bank”** (The Story of the Crooked Manager)

\*Hymn: #691 “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” (see download)

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:* "Postlude on "Foundation" David Lasky

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Family this week: Michael & Gloria Schatzmann**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of James and Betty Smith  
Given by David & Karen Smith Homsher Family**

### Announcements

#### **Peanut Butter Bonbons**

We will be making peanut butter bonbons on **Monday, November 7** at 10:00am and on **November 28**. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. There is also a signup sheet to order bonbons. You will be able to pick them up here at the church, or you can buy them at Loretta McClarigan's shop. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$7.00 per container.

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