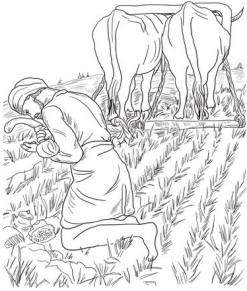


Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Theme: The Stewardship of Potential: Hidden Treasure



**"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Matthew 13:44**

### *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling" Robert Lau  
Psalm 84

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 105:1-5, 45b

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**People: We will sing to God, we will sing God's praises and tell of God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: We will seek the LORD and God's strength; we will seek God's presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

**People: We will praise the LORD alone!**

\*Hymn: "God of Mercy, God of Grace"  
(Sung to the tune of "Take My Life and Let It Be")

1 God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your Church with light divine,  
Fill your Church with light divine.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord! Be by all that live adored.  
At Your feet their tribute pay, and Your holy will obey,  
And your holy will obey.

3 Let the nations shout and sing, Glory to their Savior bring,  
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love,  
Sing your praise with joy and love.

4. Let the people praise you, Lord, Earth shall then its fruits afford;  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill us with Your light divine,  
Fill us with Your light divine.

\*Prayer of the Day

**Mighty God, we bring ourselves just as we are, perhaps tired and weary, perhaps anxious, worried, or confused, yet some of us content and at peace. Give us the direction and fortitude we need for the living of these days. Sometimes we slink back into our day-to-day lives, hoping our time in worship or the gifts we bring meet the expectations of our discipleship. Yet we often find You have called us to more – to speak for you, to make our testimony part of our worship as well as in the public arena which terrifies us. Then scripture reminds us that you will provide us with the words. Give us the faith and courage to speak of your love, mercy, and compassion. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN**

### *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Scripture: James 5:2-3, Matthew 6:19 and 13:31-33, 44

Sermon: "The Joy of Discovery"

\*Hymn: #19 "God of Great and God of Small" (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. As precious treasure found in the field, 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**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

All Worshipers

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "He Hideth My Soul" (Insert) (see download)

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

J.C. Bach

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who are able, please stand

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

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Family this week: Skip & Marie Brackbill**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my daughter Beth  
With Love from her mom Shirley Musselman**

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