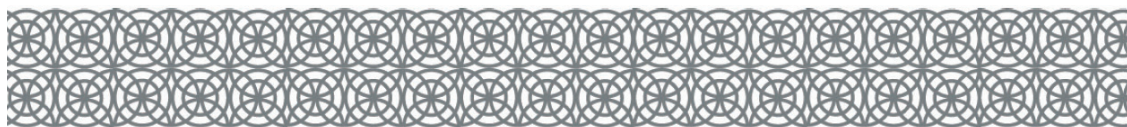


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Evening Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

We praise and glorify You our Lord and Owner,

For we and all things are Yours,

We praise and glorify You our King and Ruler,

For we are Your subjects, and our perfect obedience is Your due.

Just are all Your laws and judgements;

True and sure is all Your Word.

We praise and glorify You, our great benefactor.

In You we live and move and have our very being;

All that we are, or have, or can do, is wholly from You, the cause of all;

And all is for You.

Delightfully to love You is our greatest duty,

For You are love itself, and infinitely amiable.

Amen.

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

The Lord Our God Is Good

Hymn Sing

During the final hymn, children are dismissed to attend their classes.

²³ And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” ²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

¹ “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Matthew 19:23-20:16

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A sermon outline can be found on page 5.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

**Turn your eyes to the hillside,
Where justice and mercy embraced.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Sermon Notes

I. The Context (Matthew 19:23-30)

II. The Parable (Matthew 20:1-16)

III. So what?

A. Undercover Boss

B. The Danger of Earning

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739 (Psalm 100)
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser, 1820; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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