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21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ **22** “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. **30** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Footnotes [Matthew 25:15](#) Greek five talents ... two talents ... one talent; also throughout this parable; a talent was worth about 20 years of a day laborer’s wage.

Psalm 90:1-8;12 (NIV) -- A prayer of Moses the man of God.

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| 1. Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. | 5. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: |
| 2. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. | 6. In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. |
| 3. You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” | 7. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. |
| 4. A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. | 8. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. |
| | 12. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.. |

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

15 November 2020 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – at 12 Noon

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Meditation

11:55 A.M.

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Tomasz Piętak

Greeting/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

• #66 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

- 1.** Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2.** Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love
- 3.** To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Time with Children

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Kitty McKinsey

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 90:1-8; 12

(See pages-3-4)

Sermon

The Dangers Of Playing It Safe

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

WE RESPOND IN THANKS AND PRAYER

• #517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy
loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

• #35 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

● All who are able, please rise.

Announcements / Sharing

WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD WITH BLESSING

• #422 Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

1. 1 Let us talents and tongues
employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is
poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and
heard.

2. Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

[Refrain]

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

[Refrain]

Refrain:

Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!

• Blessing / Commissioning

• #312 Amen

Congregational Amen

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Piętak

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV) - The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'