

October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Beginning of our Stewardship Month!



Stewardship is HEART work!

Congratulations to Garold and his faithfulness in serving our Lord Jesus!

Thought: St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 says: *It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* So true of love but an abiding building block is faith. Verse 13 says: *now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love.*

When the disciples cry out...“increase our faith,” they would seem to be saying, “if I had just a little bit more,” maybe then, forgiveness. But faith is a gift that like love, either is or isn’t. To say it isn’t enough is like saying “my love only goes so far.” Is that love, is that faith? It isn’t the amount but the faith-fulness! Garold has shown us great faith.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

“Take My Life, That I May Be”
Verses 1 & 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FN3OaZJaNEE>
Take My Life and Let It Be – David and Noelle Music

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit
C: Amen.

Stewardship Litany

<https://youtu.be/UaTI6Bs5CXU>

L: Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

A time of silence

L: Because of our faith in You, O Lord...

C: We acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.

L: Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives...

C: By becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

L: Help us Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek...

C: And that You, alone, can provide.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1-2)

Hymn of Praise – “We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW 686

<https://youtu.be/Ha3KLi3nKO4>

We Give Thee but Thine Own – Parklands Ward Social Media

Prayer of the Day

A: We bow our heads in prayer. Benevolent, merciful God:

C: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word – From “The Message”

Stewardship Scripture – Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹⁻⁴⁴ Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.”

Old Testament reading – Psalm 37:1-9

¹⁻² Don’t bother your head with braggarts or wish you could succeed like the wicked. In no time they’ll shrivel like grass clippings and wilt like cut flowers in the sun. ³⁻⁴ Get insurance with GOD and do a good deed, settle down and stick to your last. Keep company with GOD, get in on the best. ⁵⁻⁶ Open up before GOD, keep nothing back; he’ll do whatever needs to be done: He’ll validate your life in the clear light of day and stamp you with approval at high noon. ⁷ Quiet down before GOD, be prayerful before him. Don’t bother with those who climb the ladder, who elbow their way to the top. ⁸⁻⁹ Bridle your anger, trash your wrath, cool your pipes—it only makes things worse. Before long the crooks will be bankrupt; God-investors will soon own the store

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹⁻² I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

³⁻⁴ Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

⁵⁻⁷ That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

⁸⁻¹⁰ So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

¹¹⁻¹² This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end.

¹³⁻¹⁴ So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

<https://youtu.be/k2VhTtR1IFU>

(A Kernel of Faith)

(¹⁻² He said to his disciples, “Hard trials and temptations are bound to come, but too bad for whoever brings them on! Better to wear a concrete vest and take a swim with the fishes than give even one of these dear little ones a

hard time! ³⁻⁴ “Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it’s personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, ‘I’m sorry, I won’t do it again,’ forgive him.”)

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

⁵ The apostles came up and said to the Master, “Give us more faith.”

⁶ But the Master said, “You don’t need *more* faith. There is no ‘more’ or ‘less’ in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, ‘Go jump in the lake,’ and it would do it.

⁷⁻¹⁰ “Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, ‘Sit down and eat’? Wouldn’t you be more likely to say, ‘Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I’ve finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper’? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what’s expected of him? It’s the same with you. When you’ve done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, ‘The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Time for the Children of God

<https://youtu.be/9y0UorGHnYE>

Homily – “Increase Our Faith!”

<https://youtu.be/73VhMO5yHr8>

Hymn of the Day – “This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

<https://youtu.be/QCN893hzueQ>

This Little Light of Mine – JamJar

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

L: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

C: Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Preface

P: With this bread and cup we remember the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

“Here is Bread” ELW 483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here is Bread – Chet Valley Churches

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

**C: Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors
with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction – from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “My Lord of Light”

ELW 832

<https://youtu.be/PEzhUkFPlac>
My Lord of Light - Mary Munson

Dismissal

L: As the “hands of Christ,” we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude