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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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"Well Done, Good and Trustworthy Servant!"

Winnebago Lutheran Church

10:30 am, Sunday, November 15, 2020

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Great and glorious God, we praise and adore you as the one who creates life and speaks mercy. The people of old perceived your glory in the wonders of creation, but you chose to widen our vision forever when you entered our world and our history in person. Eyes were opened to see your glory in the most unimaginable way - in a vulnerable baby. Throughout his life, Jesus brought your love into sharper focus by emptying himself of power and filling himself with the needs of others. Our lives have been blessed forever through his sacrificial love and we humbly and gratefully offer our worship and praise for such evidence of your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Songs of Praise

As We Gather

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As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.

As we gather, may we glorify Your name.

Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,

We'll be blessed because we came.

Repeat

We'll be blessed because we came.

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

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Light of the world You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

**Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with You**

Refrain: **Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

Refrain: **Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(Repeat twice)**

Refrain: **Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
(Repeat Refrain)**

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to worship**

Confessing Our Sin

The religious leaders of Jesus' day had been entrusted with spreading the Word of God but Jesus criticizes them for neglecting to share this special gift fully with the people. Much has been entrusted to us - especially the good news of the Word made flesh - Jesus Christ. The more industrious we are in sharing this good news with others, the more opportunity there is for faith to increase in the lives of those who hear and respond to our witness.

Merciful God, forgive us when we invest our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ and when we squander our gifts by failing to use them to build people up.

Forgive us when we conceal the wideness of your mercy by our lack of compassionate behavior.

Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed even if this means taking risks and expending whatever energy we may have.

Help us to hear Jesus' words addressed to us about sharing the spiritual treasure that we have, knowing that as we do, more, much more, will be given. Amen

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Statement of Faith

I have faith in the Father, in response to overwhelming love. I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.

I have faith in Jesus, in response to overwhelming love - he who emptied himself, out of His love, for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection in mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit, in response to overwhelming love. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength against all adversity.

I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for us and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Music

Shout to the Lord

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**My Jesus, my savior,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter;
Tower of refuge and strength:
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord! All the Earth let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name!**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

Repeat

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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