



Reach One More For Jesus!

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE "One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Denise Cosgrove

Fall is such a mix of warmth and chill, brilliant colors and drab days. In all of life's ups and downs, Jesus, may we feel you as close as a warm sweater. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Cosgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP Denise Cosgrove

L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

L: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

P: Let us offer our praise to God Who has redeemed us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1 & 4 Hymnal Page #577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

OPENING PRAYER Denise Cosgrove

God of gentle, loving guidance, Who brought the Israelites into a new land, filled with new hope and promise: Be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of Your abiding love and presence with us. Help us to place our trust solely in You; for we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

READINGS Denise Cosgrove

Matt. 25:14-26 NIV

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, 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.’

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?’

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “USING WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME”

Pastor Tom

1. Everything I Have Really Belongs To God.
2. God Has Loan Me A Set Of Talents.
3. God Expects Me To Make The Most Of What He Loans Me.
4. It’s Wrong To Bury What God Loans Me.
5. If I Don’t Use It, I’ll Lose It.
6. If I Do Use What God Loans Me, He’ll Reward Me.

COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymnal #618

1 Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Tom

Communion Music “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Thelma Downey

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Denise Cosgrove

Generous God, Your good gifts to us are too many to name! We have been so blessed, not so that we might hide away these blessings, but to use them so that the blessings might be multiplied. As we give from our blessing stockpile, help it to multiply and grow. May our gifts empower multiple acts of mercy and compassion, and may Your love pour over this world like a flood. If we have buried these gracious blessings, may today be the day we dig them up and put them to work, so that we might be seen as Your faithful servants! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Seek Ye First"

Hymnal Page #405

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson

Thelma Downey