Just One Thing…

November 15, 2020

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?  
**P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

* Artist’s Choice (Robyn/Friends of Music)
* Service Opportunities (Habitat/Walk to Bethlehem)
* Advent Studies (Gifts of God/Where Love Lives)

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?  
**P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**  
L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.  
**P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**  
L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.  
**P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** Blessed Be Your Name W&S #3002

**\*Opening Prayer**

O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

**Children’s Moments**

**Special Music**

**Scripture Matthew 25:14-30**

14“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**Response:**

L: The word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message Just One Thing…**

**\*Response** You Are My All in All W&S #3040

**Prayer Time**

* *Sharing Joys and Concerns*
  + *John Polinski*
  + *Honduras*
  + *Betty Patterson*
* *Prayer Song Make Me a Servant TFWS #2176*
* *Pastoral Prayer*
* *Lord’s Prayer:* ***Our Father, which 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering**

*Offertory Sentence:* With great joy we receive our morning offering today. This is a vital reminder of the many ways in which we can serve God through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us joyfully receive this morning’s offering.

* *Offertory*
* *Doxology:* ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise, God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Offertory Prayer:* There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these token to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn** Hosanna W&S #3188

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**