



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,

**All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.**

Our God created everything for us to enjoy and to take care of.

**We have been called to be stewards of the earth.**

Our purpose is to live not for ourselves, but for God.

**We are proud to be stewards that glorify Him.**

Let us, therefore, not forget that we are to always glorify, honor and praise him.

**Let us worship him fully as we embrace the task before us.**

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 147, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119: 33-40

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. <sup>35</sup> Direct me in the

path of your commands, for there I find delight. <sup>36</sup> Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. <sup>39</sup> Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good. <sup>40</sup> How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness, preserve my life.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## OFFERING & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, thank you for the many blessings you have given to us.**

**We ask that you accept these gifts that we offer back to you  
as a symbol of our gratitude. Bless them and multiply them  
so that they may be used to do good works in your name.**

**May we remember that all that we have is because of you. Amen.**

## MEDITATION MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons<sup>[a]</sup> of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels<sup>[b]</sup> of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of

the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Steward’s Purpose*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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**

\* universal

+ HYMN

UMH 664, *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*+ Members of the congregation are invited to stand during these portions if they are able.*

*Please join us for café in the back after today’s service.*

## **LIVING EACH DAY AS A STEWARD**

### **The Steward's Purpose**

The question for all of us is \_\_\_\_\_

The world says one thing. \_\_\_\_\_ say another.

Because we are \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, \_\_\_\_\_ can get ahold of us.

In Luke 16:10, Jesus says, "One who is faithful in very \_\_\_\_\_

is also faithful in \_\_\_\_\_, and who is \_\_\_\_\_ in very

little is also dishonest in much."

God knows \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Our motivation as people of God is not rest and ease in life. It is

\_\_\_\_\_.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Food Pantry**

If you're able to contribute any canned or non-perishable items to our food pantry outside the front doors, please help us keep it filled during the coming week.

## **Kids Konnection Stockings**

We have Christmas stockings available to fill for Kids Konnection. For some DC children, this will be all they receive for Christmas. All filled stockings—or monetary donations—are due by Sunday, November 30.

## **Rising Hope Collection**

In November, we're collecting peanut butter for Rising Hope Mission Church, a local faith community that helps individuals rise above homelessness and poverty. A contributions box is in the church lobby. Learn more at [risinghopeumc.org](http://risinghopeumc.org).

## **Website**

Check out our redesigned website at [www.bruenchapel.org](http://www.bruenchapel.org). Find info on upcoming events, videos of our recent services, Rev. Dawn-Marie's weekly reflections, a prayer request form, and more. Share the link with others!

## **Coffee with the Pastor**

Join Rev. Dawn-Marie on Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

## **Pastor's Contact Info**

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