



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment,
God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**We look around us at the wonders and marvel and
the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom
God has selected to care for the world. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 110, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Litany

God, you honored us with the opportunity to be stewards of your Kingdom. Help us, Lord, to carry out the tasks which you give us faithfully and responsibly.

Lord, we thank you for the privilege of being your stewards. Please help us live each day as stewards.

As your stewards, we pray that you will fill us with your wisdom and strength so that we use our time, talents and treasures in ways that glorify you.

Lord, we thank you for the privilege of being your stewards. Please help us live each day as stewards.

Dear Jesus, in your ministry here on earth, you became our model for stewardship. You lived the perfect life of stewardship in our place. Because of your love, sacrifice, and obedience, we are delivered from the requirements of the Law to stewardship motivated by grace.

Lord, we thank you for the privilege of being your stewards. Please help us live each day as stewards.

Help us, Lord, to be faithful instruments through which you work. Through our hands and feet, you bring love and care to the needy; through our lips, you tell others of your life-saving Gospel; and through our minds, hearts, and checkbooks, you support the work of your church.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58: 6-9

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness^[a] will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. ⁹Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

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

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 and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ²On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come, no collections will have to be made.

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+ HYMN

TFWS 2160, *Into My Heart*

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 12: 22-34

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ "Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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MESSAGE

Living Each Day as a Steward
Reverend Dawn-Marie Singleton

+ SERMON RESPONSE

Wesley Covenant Prayer

Father in heaven,
I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

+ HYMN

UMH 572, *Pass It On*

+ 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.

SERMON NOTES

Living Each Day as a Steward

**“Now concerning the collection for the saints;
as I directed the church of Galatia, so you are also to do”**

1 Corinthians 16:1

Getting Back to Basics ~ Four Principles of Stewardship

1. God has _____ and _____ us to be his stewards!

As stewards we oversee or manage _____ that the Lord has given us, which is _____ that we are and have.

2. We know _____ of Christ.

3. We need to _____ God’s church, the _____ of those around us, and willingly seek to _____ those needs.

4. There is a _____, a blessing that _____ with Christian stewardship.

God loves a _____ giver!

Christ fulfilled the requirements of that _____ for us, so now we _____ as the _____ has given us, as we have prospered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

Wishing everyone who had birthdays in October a year of blessings!

Nik (10/6) Carol (10/15)

Website

Check out our redesigned website at 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!

Rising Hope Collection

In October, we're collecting canned meat (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.) 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.

Lamb Center Collection

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Fairfax. If you'd like to support their mission, a contributions box and list of most needed items are in the church lobby. Learn more at thelambcenter.org.

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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