

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then 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.’ ²¹ His 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.’ ²² And 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.’ ²³ His 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.’ ²⁴ Then 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; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But 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? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For 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. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 15, 2020

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

Darrel Knoll

Shirley

*Call to Worship, Part 1

Psalm 90:1-6

Darrel

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

*Prayer

Song

When at Creation's Dawn

Purple 9

Call to Worship, Part 2

Psalm 90:7-12

Darrel

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Song With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder Purple 11

SHARING

Children's Story		Lenna Knoll
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Song	Be Thou My Vision	Purple 25

LISTENING

The Second Lesson	Matthew 25: 14-30	Darrel
Meditation	Fearful, or Faithful?	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Song of Response	You Call Me Out upon the Waters	Purple 22
Benediction	As I Rise	Purple 23
Postlude		Shirley

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com. **Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*

Change the world with one dollar a day challenge. Marion County Core Community is looking for 140 brave and generous people who will pledge \$1 a day or \$30 a month for one year. \$1 a day can solve poverty by inviting families experiencing poverty to a safe place where their voices are heard, they are treated with honor and dignity as they unpack their lives, gain new relationships and build resources. Text or call Mark Rogers @ 620-877-0899. All gifts are tax deductible.

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for

this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on Dec. 5. Follow this link for sign-up options: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABA2EA4FDC8-baked>.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

Hanging of the Greens: In anticipation of the Season of Advent, "Hanging of the Greens" plans are in place. In light of our commitment to care for each other's safety and wellbeing, we are grateful for a small group of folks willing to create spaces of worship and beauty in and around our church on behalf of all of us. Bob and Judy Jantz, and Cheryl and Marlin Bartel will give direction to a small team instead of scheduling a congregational hanging of the greens event. On Nov. 29, Advent Sunday I, expect to see the stable in our sanctuary, the manger scene on our lawn, and simple signs of "God With Us" throughout the church. Especially notice the lanterns and candles. As we travel through Advent, may we lift our faces towards the Light. The Light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.