

*Fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit,
Planted Your own image there.*

*I am Yours, Eternal Father,
All my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory,
Form Yourself in ev'ry part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness
Flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being
Rise to You, their source and goal.*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offering
**Please place your offerings in the plate in the back
of the church on your way out.*

Special Music *'Till the Storm Passes By'* Mosie Lister
Dennis Leshner

Doxology

*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. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you.
You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow
with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you
our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have
given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others
as we have been served, and to bless others as we have
been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25: 14-30*

¹⁴For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made

two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no 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 answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Sermon

"Committed to Stewardship"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 Hymn 620

We Give Thee But Thine Own

*We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first fruits give.
A-men.*

 Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul,
and will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends upon me**

in this sad world.
God is able to do this because he is almighty God
and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 379

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days—
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse
Of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and
Beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only,
For my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold—
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r
as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it Thine—
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love—my Lord,
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take my self—and I will be Ever,
Only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

Benediction & Blessing

Organ Postlude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

Harris

