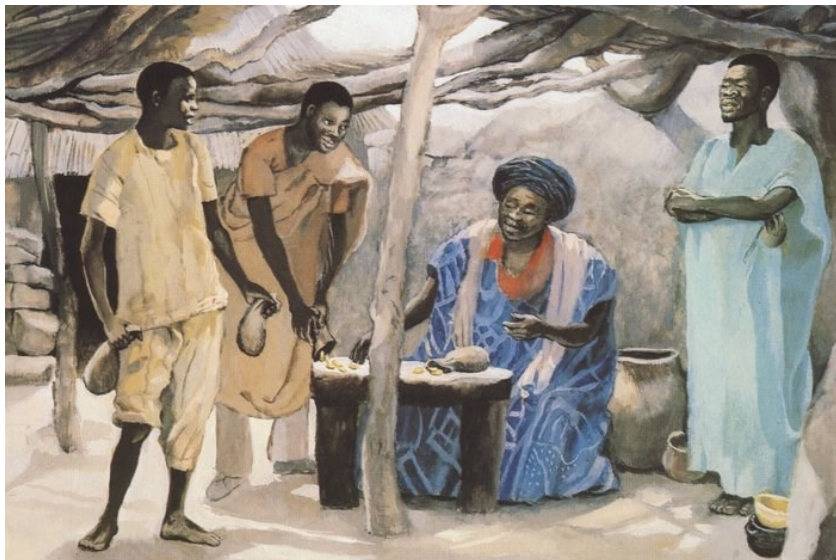


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**Order of Worship
Stewardship Sunday**

November 19, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God with Come,
Ye Thankful People, Come”, arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth
or before you had formed the earth and the world,**
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past.**
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
**So teach us to count our days that we may gain a
wise heart.**

***Opening Hymn No. 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit to our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Children

Unison Prayer of Illumination

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away.
(cont.)

Scripture (cont.)

At once the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the
one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in
the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 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.’ 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.’ 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.’ 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.’ 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 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? 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. So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.’

Sermon

“Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth”

*Hymn of Response No. 422

“God, Whose Giving...”

Offering

*Doxology

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 538 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Benediction

Postlude

“The Pilgrims’ Chorus” by Richard Wagner,
arranged by Wilbur Held