

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Variations on 'Jewels'" Jon Spong

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Are Telling" Lyndell Leatherman

## WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God's love with others."

*LAST WEEK*

Attendance: 14

Offering for November 8, 2020: \$597.00



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## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE "Out of the Ivory Palaces" Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Share the joy of the Lord! Delight in God's goodness! Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared. Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much. Make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 34

*Response: O Taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God!*

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My Soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together!  
**I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to God and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
**The poor cried out, and the Lord heard, and saved them out of all their troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God and delivers them.

**O taste and see the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

*Response*

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear God have no want!

**The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Come, O children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

*Response.*

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous; the ears of the Lord hear their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them

**The Lord keeps all their bones; not one of them is broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.**

*Response.*

**GLORIA**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>“At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to leave home on a trip; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. <sup>15</sup>He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his trip. <sup>16</sup>The servant who had received five thousand coins went at once and invested his money and

earned another five thousand. <sup>17</sup>In the same way the servant who had received two thousand coins earned another two thousand. <sup>18</sup>But the servant who had received one thousand coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The servant who had received five thousand coins came in and handed over the other five thousand. ‘You gave me five thousand coins, sir,’ he said. ‘Look! Here are another five thousand that I have earned.’ <sup>21</sup>‘Well done, you good and faithful servant!’ said his master. ‘You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!’ <sup>22</sup>Then the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, ‘You gave me two thousand coins, sir. Look! Here are another two thousand that I have earned.’ <sup>23</sup>‘Well done, you good and faithful servant!’ said his master. ‘You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!’ <sup>24</sup>Then the servant who had received one thousand coins came in and said, ‘Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not plant, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. <sup>25</sup>I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.’ <sup>26</sup>‘You bad and lazy servant!’ his master said. ‘You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not plant, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? <sup>27</sup>Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. <sup>28</sup>Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand coins. <sup>29</sup>For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup>As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and gnash his teeth.’”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** “The Parable of the Talents”

**HYMN** “Soon and Very Soon”