



The Parable of the Ten Minas

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Solemn Prelude

Bingham/Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come and worship! In wonder and awe, let us seek the face of God.

God invites us to come just as we are.

We come longing to experience God's embrace.

God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

We come hungry to encounter the Word.

God feeds us the Bread of Life.

We come weary and worn.

God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

Come and worship!

We come as we are, ready to be transformed by God's love and grace.

All: Give glory to God! Amen.

Songs of Praise

"Bring It to the Altar"

Zach, et al.

"Lord, I Need You"

Reeves, et al.

"Amazing Grace"

#691

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness, and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage, and compassion because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Susan Fisher

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Matt

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:11-27

Sermon

"Multiplying Grace"

Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” #823

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication #965

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn “Lord, Make Us Servants” #904

Benediction

Postlude Meditation Martin

Leading in Today’s Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Susan Fisher

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Jody Cox, Iantha Frazer

Media Team (varies): Ruth Brown, Wayne Brown, Dan Cobb, Jody Cox, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Michele Haworth, Todd Haworth, Bonnie McCloskey, Bruce McCloskey, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Dorita Reed, Paul Stutesman, Mark Wendt

Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

Slideshow this week: Grace

Next Week's Worship, Sunday, March 22, 5th Sunday in Lent

Luke 20:1-8, *Luke 20:9-26; "Temple Controversies"; Pastor Matt will be preaching.

We skip ahead to chapter 20 where Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and is being questioned by the chief priests and scribes. He is, in fact, under heavy scrutiny, as word about him has surely preceded his arrival in the Holy City. What had these religious leaders heard about Jesus? What made them so skeptical about this Nazarean who had performed so many healings and miracles? What is Jesus' response to their 'gotcha' questions? Surely, this will not go well for Jesus.

Announcements for the Week, March 15—March 22

Worship, today, 8:30 and 11 am; *Adult Sunday School & Children's Sunday School*, 9:45 am

Congregational Meeting, today, 12:15 pm, Sanctuary

Youth Movie Night in the Barn, today, 5pm, B & B Lavender Farm

Praise Team, Monday, March 16, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Session, Monday, March 16, 7 pm, hybrid

Fish Co., Tuesday, March 17, 8 am, Zoom

Men's Breakfast Group, Wednesday, March 18, 9 am, Fairmount Diner

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, March 18, 10 am, Upstairs Classroom

Soup Supper, Wednesday, March 18, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Lenten Vespers, Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Reel Reflections, Thursday, March 19, 6:30 pm (6 pm if bringing your dinner), Fellowship Hall

Worship, Sunday, March 22, 8:30 and 11 am; *Adult Sunday School & Children's Sunday School*, 9:45 am

The Christian Formation Committee would appreciate donations of individually wrapped candy for our Easter egg hunt. Candy should be dropped off in the labeled box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, March 29th.

March Question of the Month:

What questions do you have about the sabbatical?