

The Parable of the Talents

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***Those who are able, please stand as marked**

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!
If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Celtic Advent

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Hymn VU 400 – *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
(lyrics on screen)

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(response in **BOLD**)
L: We come to praise the God of Truth!
R: Hallelujah! We see God's Truth.
L: We come to praise the God of Peace!
R: Hallelujah! We praise the God of Peace.
L: We come to praise the God of Love!
R: Hallelujah! We come to begin the season of waiting.
L: We come to enter into a season of expectant hope and care.
R: Hallelujah! We praise our God who was, and is, and is to come.

Opening Hymn VU 234 – *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
(lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)
Transforming God, you take the night and give us day. You take our strife and give us peace. You take our sadness and give us joy. You take our fear and give us courage. You take death and give us new life. O God, you give and you give and you give. So, we come to praise you and offer our love and loyalty as your willing servants: In the name of Christ who enriches our lives with grace and in the power of the Holy

Spirit who prays within us when we cannot find the right words to honour you, God most kind and generous. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

The judge Deborah speaks to Barak

Psalm 123

We lift our eyes to you, O God

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of St. Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 806 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(lyrics on screen)

Sermon – How Is Your Investment Doing?

Rev. Scott Brown

Hymn – *'Tis A Gift to Be Simple

(lyrics on screen)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

Offering Dedication VU 544 – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust

(lyrics on-screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(on screen)

Lord's Prayer

COMMISSIONING

(in unison)

We go now to be kingdom builders. To bring encouragement to

all who need to share their gifts for the upbuilding of the body of Christ.
We go now to bring our own gifts and talents to projects which encourage hope as we work in God's creation, whether these projects be large or small.

We go now to build bridges with others. Bridges that reach out to those outside the faith that they may encouraged to come in and join all of us in the community of life and faith in Jesus.

We go now with, in, by and through the power of our Triune God. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Joy of the Lord fill your heart this day and this week.

May the love of Jesus shine brightly in your life this day and this week and shine forth for all to see.

May the strength of the Holy Spirit guide you and lift you up as you encounter the low places this day and this week.

And may Almighty God who is Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you in all your waking moments throughout your journey. Amen.

Closing Hymn VU 45 – *Joy Is Now in Every Place
(lyrics on screen)

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders
Rev. Scott Brown – Presider
Vince Anderson – Lead Musician
Robert Woodbury – Cantor
Donna Wong – Scripture Reader

Technical Support
Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound
Patricia Wilson – PowerPoint Operation
Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design