



“So I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.  
Here you have what is yours.”

- Matthew 25:25

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 15, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 123*

Leader: I lift my eyes to you, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens!

**People: As the eyes of servants look to the hands of their master,**

Leader: So our eyes look to you, O God, as we wait for your mercy.

**People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us.**

HYMN #378

*“Amazing Grace”*

Charles Dickerson

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;**

**He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Loving God, we come together in worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. You surround us in the beauty of creation. You call to us in the needs and hopes of our neighbors. You comfort us in the presence of family and friends. Forgive us when we miss these gifts of your grace and care – when we let our fears take the place of our faith in you. Help us to live in the courage and hope which are ours in Christ. We pray in his name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brendon Fung

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“Serve Somebody”* 3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY Charles Dickerson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the talents Brendon Fung

SERMON *“House Money”* Jonathan Chute

HYMN #348

*“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

Charles Dickerson

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**(Refrain) Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

**(Refrain) Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director

Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music

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