

# SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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## SILENT REFLECTION

“The point [of Jesus’ parables] is less that they reveal something new than that they tap into our memories, our values, and our deepest longings, and so they resurrect what is very old, and very wise, and very precious. And often, very unsettling.”

-Amy-Jill Levine, author of *Short stories by Jesus*

PRELUDE

Karen Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

Dan Duncan, Worship Leader

## \*INVOCATION

One: We are gathered by God’s Spirit to hear the story that uncovers our competitiveness and invites us to true community; uncovers our wrong centering and invites us to a right centering; uncovers our need to hoard and exclude and invites us to share and include.

**All: We give thanks for stories that expose our assumptions and challenge us to turn them around. We give thanks for stories that overcome our timidity and invite us to take risks.**

One: Help us hear these stories that uncover our self-centered despair and distrust and invite us to hope.

\*HYMN #37

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Jan Buerge

PARABLE INTRODUCTION

HYMN (see insert)

*Christ’s Parables*

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:14-30

## SILENT REFLECTION

## SERMON

*Whistling while we work*

## ANTHEM

*How clear is our vocation, Lord*

arr. Hopson

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for community building time)

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

### INTRODUCTIONS

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING JOY

### SHARING CONCERNS

### PRAYING TOGETHER #358

*Oyenos, mi Dios*

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN (see back of hymnal)

*Lord, you sometimes speak*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

\*SENDING FORTH

L1: Go in peace.

L2: Act justly, speak justly.

L1: Remember the depth of God's compassion.

L2: Remember your power in the days of your powerlessness.

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L1: Be aware of your desire to be wealthier than your peers.

L2: Be ready to extend your hand in charity.

**All:** *Speak the truth or speak not.*

L1: Take care of yourselves as bodies for you are good gifts.

**L2:** **Desire peace for all peoples in the world beginning with yourself.**

**All:** *Amen.\*\**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

\*\* Adapted from *600 Blessings and prayers from around the world*, compiled by Geoffrey Duncan.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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