



August 22, 2021 13th Sunday after Pentecost



Worship Participants

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Today we take another look at the parable usually referred to as the parable of The Dishonest Steward (Manager). But Jesus, the storyteller, begins by referring to the rich man for whom the manager is working. Why is the manager called dishonest, but also shrewd, even wise? By following Jesus' lead and paying attention to the rich man and the kind of work he expected the manager to be doing we will try to hear Jesus' voice more clearly.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 733 - Great is Thy Faithfulness, verses 1 & 3*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of wonders, give us fresh eyes to better see you. Help us put aside our fears and hesitations, that we may care for ALL our neighbors. You are the source of light, wisdom, and life for the world. We aspire to be compassionate like you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 759 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee, verses 1 & 2*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of wonders, we are grateful for the trees you give us to climb. Help us to climb farther into your stories: seeing you more fully, breathing more peacefully, sharing ourselves more completely. To you we gladly offer ourselves; our work, our rest, our resources, and our love. In your blessed name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sending

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]