

**Order of Worship for Sunday, November 15, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.**

*[Prayers are from Ministry Matters unless otherwise indicated].*

**Liturgist:** Ferne Garceau

**Ushers:** Merilee Riopelli

**Organist:** Roger LaCross

**Minister:** Rev. Wanda Santos Perez

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” by Larry Viser

**Roger LaCross**

*Processional Hymn [All sections in italics have been omitted for abbreviated service during COVID-19 services. We cannot sing hymns or have congregational responses. The liturgist will read both the regular and bolded texts on behalf of the congregation].*

**\*Gathering Prayer**

*“Lord, be with us this day as we gather to celebrate your love for us. Challenge and prepare us to be your disciples in this aching and hurting world, for we ask it in Jesus’ name. AMEN”*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist- Ferne Garceau**

L: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

**P: Delight in God’s goodness!**

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

**P: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

**P: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. AMEN!**

**Children’s Message**

**Joanne Milloy**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Hymn/Special Music**

**Linda Pearson & Janet Valley**

Suggestions: A Charge to Keep I Have #413, What Gift Can We Bring #87, “Take My Life and let it be” #399

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 25: 14-30**

<sup>14</sup> “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

## **Anthem**

**[1-2 Representatives from the Choir]**

## **Sermon**

**“Children of Light”**

**by Pastor Wanda**

## **Joys & Concerns**

*[A time for us to share about the places and situations where we have experienced God’s grace and mercy in our lives. Also, where we come to lift up our concerns and the name the prayers entrusted to us by others].*

## **\*People’s Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

### **\*Offertory**

*“Out of the abundance with which God faithfully provides to our lives, let us offer up our tithes, pledges and offerings with joy and thanksgiving.” -Pastor Wanda*

### **Doxology**

### **Prayer or Dedication**

*“Loving God, great is thy faithfulness. With grateful hearts we bring our offerings to you. Bless these gifts and bless the ministries of this church. In Christ name we pray, Amen.” -Pastor Wanda*

## **Hymn**

**[Removed for abbreviated service during COVID]**

**UHM**

## **\*Benediction**

*“Go forth into God’s world as children of the light, offering ministries of hope and healing to a hurting world. Go forth filled with God’s abundant love. Go forth in peace. AMEN.”*

**Postlude: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” by G. Winston Cassler**

**Roger LaCross**

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