SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus.
Deb Bradley, Proclaimer
Deb Bradley, Youth Teacher
Mary Throndson, Children's Teacher

[All] O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of young people. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	Holy Ground	TFWS #2272
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	Awesome God	TFWS #2040

SERMON Wisdom

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	Heaven Came Down	John W. Peterson
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		

CLOSING HYMN* My Hope Is Built No. 368

BENEDICTION*
[**All**] Family of God, breathe deeply and remember: the kingdom of God is close at hand, as close as the neighbor in your pew/row, the warmth of the sun, the rustle of the leaves, the whisper of the wind. May God bless you with a deep assurance of God's closeness, inspire you to participate in the goodness of God's work among us, and encourage you through the ongoing ministry of the body of Christ to keep awake and watch for the good news at work all around you. Amen.

RESPONSE We Believe In One True God (Vs. 1) No. #85

POSTLUDE Wings Of A Dove Bob Ferguson

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Rose Ann Steiner, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler,
Song Leader: Tricia Stewart, **Choir Soloist:** Fiona Giannetto, Makiyah Thompson.
Sound Tech: Susan Throndson. **Video Tech:** Alex Paredes,
Ushers & Greeters: Jo Anne Napoles, Judy Neufeld.

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



Informal Order of Service 8:30 a.m.

OPENING PRAISE — Today Is The Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT — Susan Throndson

Advent 1:

[liturgist] God of wisdom, Lord Christ.

[All] Hear us, we pray.

PRAISE SONGS — Forever
Leaning
All I Am

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION — Speak To Me Lord

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON — Wisdom

OFFERING — We Fall Down

COMMUNION SONG — Jesus Paid It All

FINAL BLESSING — I Will Serve You

CLOSING — This Little Light Of Mime

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Susan Throndson, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark.
Acoustic Guitar's: Mike Clark, Deb Bradley, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.
Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, **Vocalists:** Deb Bradley, Connie Clark, Pam Garza.
Drum: Xander Thompson, **Sacristan:** Lorie Ford, **Communion Steward:** Mike Balster.
Ushers Greeters: Mike & Marilyn Balster.

Traditional Order of Service 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE — Here I AM, Send Me — John Purifoy

INTROIT — O Come, O Come ,Emmanuel — No. 211

ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT — Rose Ann Steiner

Advent 1:

[liturgist] God of wisdom, Lord Christ.

[All] Hear us, we pray.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

[liturgist] Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
[All] We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
[liturgist] Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
[All] We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
[liturgist] Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
[All] We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
[liturgist] Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
[All] We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN* — When We All Get To Heaven — No. 701

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Tim Stewart & Fiona Giannetto

MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM

OPENING PRAYER

[**All**] You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, God of holiness, so you speak to us in parables so that we might pay careful attention to your words; you tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith so that we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs. Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you prepare us to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives and open our hearts to those in need.

CHOIR ANTHEM — Good And Gracious King — By Robinson, Ferguson & Farren

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Young Women

"At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, **4** while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep. **6** "It was already midnight when the cry rang out, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!' **7** The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' **9** 'No, indeed,' the wise ones answered, 'there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves.' **10** So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed. **11** "Later the others arrived. 'Sir, sir! Let us in!' they cried out. **12** 'Certainly not! I don't know you,' the bridegroom answered." **13** And Jesus concluded, "Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Today's Flowers Are in Honor Of
The Marine Corps Birthday & Veterans Day
By Lorie Ford

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Endowment/ELT
15th will be hosted by Staff-Parish

	ATTENDANCE					*STEWARDSHIP*
WEEK	*8:30*	*10:30*	*IN-PERSON*	*VIDEO*	*TOTAL*	*Weekly Needed $7,740*
Oct 11	*36*	*90*	*126*		*126*	*$7,925*
Oct 18	*40*	*70*	*110*	*33*	*143*	*$5,446*
Oct 25	*33*	*80*	*113*	*33*	*146*	*$3,830*
Nov 01	*42*	*91*	*133*		*133*	*$15,559*
YTD Received: $127,396						*YTD Needed: $137,320*

Weekly Events:

Mon.	Nov. 09	6:00 pm	Gerry's Quilt Class, McMillen Rm #113
Tue.	Nov. 10	9:00 am	Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
		10:00 am	Sew 'n Sews & Crafts, McMillen Rm #113
		10:00am	Prayer Group, Library
		11:00 am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
		5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
		7:30 pm	Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
Wed.	Nov. 11	9:00 am	Church Work Morning
		10:00 am	UFW Steering Committee, Library
		1:30 pm	Mission Team, McMillen Rm #113
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thu.	Nov. 12	9:00 am	Fast walking & Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
		10:00 am	Staff Parish, McMillen Rm #113
		11:00 am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
		11:30 am	Nominations Committee, McMillen Rm #113
		5:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
Fri.	Nov. 13	10:00 am	Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Rm #108
			Floor Cleaning, Criswell & Kitchen
Sat.	Nov. 14	10:30 am	John Lindsey El Nino Presentation, Sanctuary
			Floor Cleaning, Criswell & Kitchen
		3:00 pm	Youth Group, Adults, 4pm Youth, 5:30pm Dinner Rm #215
Sun.	Nov. 15	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
			Change for Turkeys, after both services
			Holiday Boutique, after both services
			Children, Youth, Committee 12pm

Upcoming Events:

Sat.	Nov. 21	Free Golf Lessons for Youth at Monarch Dunes Golf Course, 2-4pm
Sat.	Nov. 21	Lee Fonseca Memorial Service 10:00am, Sanctuary
Sun.	Nov. 22	Change for Turkeys after both services
Sun.	Nov. 29	UWF Food Outreach, 12pm
Sun.	Nov. 29	Advent Workshop, 11:30am lunch @ crafts, Criswell Hall
Thu.	Dec. 03	Zoom Charge Conference, @ 6:30pm
Fri.	Dec. 04	Deadline to order See's Candy
Sat.	Dec. 05	Holiday Extravaganza Talent Show, 5-7pm
Tue.	Dec. 08	Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, 1pm. Advance on-line signup
Sat.	Dec. 12	Youth Group, Progressive Dinner, 4PM
Thu,	Dec. 17	Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, 1pm. Advance on-line signup.
Sun.	Dec. 20	Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert, 3pm.