SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus. Rev. Tim Olson, Proclaimer & 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	Make Me A Servant	TFWS #2176
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	No. 204

SERMON Where Is the Mercy?

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory Thanksgiving By. Edward Grieg
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 196

CLOSING PRAYER*
[All] Family of God, may we go from this place in the blessing of God who calls us into relationship with God and one another, who equips us to use what we have to bless others, and inspires us to value relationship over production and the flourishing of all over the wealth of a few. Amen.

RESPONSE Lord Be Glorified (Vs 1) TFWS #2150

POSTLUDE Lift Up Your Songs Of Praise CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS Arr. Stewart Landon

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Song Leader:** Tricia Stewart, **Sound Tech:** Tom Thiel, **Video Tech:** Alex Paredes, **Ushers & Greeters:** Steve & Paulette Black, Judy Neufeld, Jack Cuddy

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Informal Order of Service 8:30 a.m.

GRANDE RINGERS — Give Thanks

ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT
Advent 2: Adoni
[liturgist] God of wisdom, Lord Christ. — Rev. Tim Olson
[All] Hear us, we pray.

GRANDE RINGERS — Almighty

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS — All Hail King Jesus
What A Friend We Have In Jesus
O Come O Come Emmanuel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION — Waymaker

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON — Where Is the Mercy?

OFFERING — I'd Rather Have Jesuse Fall Down

COMMUNION SONG — Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

FINAL BLESSING — Father I Adore You

CLOSING — Detour

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Sharon Roemer, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark.
Acoustic Guitar's: Mike Clark, Deb Bradley, **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 — Prelude On "Kremser" — Arr. Gregg Sewell

GRANDE RINGERS — Give Thanks — By Henry Smith

ADVENT HYMN — O Come, O Come, Emmanuel [Lord Verse] — No. 211

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CALL TO WORSHIP*
[Liturgist] Family of God, whom do you serve?
[All] We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
[Liturgist] Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
[All] We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
[Liturgist] Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
[All] We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
[Liturgist] Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
[All] We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN* — Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Vs1, 2, & 4) — No. 203

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
[Liturgist] God, our kind and loving Parent, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[All] Amen.

GRANDE RINGERS — Almighty — By Wayne Watson

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Three Servants

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when I returned. 28 Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand
coins. 29 For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than
enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him.
30 As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and gnash his
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Sat.	Nov. 21	10:00 am	Lee Fonseca Memorial Services, Sanctuary
		3:00 pm	Youth Group, Adults, 4pm Youth, 5:30pm Dinner Rm #215
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			Change for Turkeys, after both services
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Upcoming Events:

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Sun.	Nov. 29	Advent Workshop, 11:30am lunch @ crafts
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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
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