

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

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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.'

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed, ecumenical* p.14

**The Service of Giving**

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

**+Response** *Gloria Patri* #577

**Sharing of Joys and**

**Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Going into the World**

**+Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So...* #369

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**

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+Stand as you are able

*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ candle

### +Call to Worship

L: We lift our eyes to the Lord.

**P: God created the heavens and the earth**

L: We raise our voices in songs and speech

**P: We raise our voices in prayer and praise.**

L: Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

**P: Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace.**

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are from Ministry Matters.com*

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **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. We pray this in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on***

*earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

**+Hymn** *God is Here!* #461

### Call to Confession

**Confession** Let us pray: **Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to**

**Songs of Ascent were sung as the people went up to the Temple. What songs do you sing as you come to worship?**

trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. (moment of silence.) *From Ministry Matters.com*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Song** *Come & Fill Our Hearts*  
#2157

### The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

As we hear your word read and proclaimed today, O Lord, may we find meaning and hope for our daily lives. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

**Psalms 123** *A Song of Ascents*

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**In the time of Jesus, “talents” were a form of money. Today we understand “talents” to be actions or activities we are good at. How are these understandings different? How are they the same?**

As the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid

to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

**Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God...#263*

**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