

of David.

**Hymn** *When a Poor One* #407

**Gospel Reading Mark 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith**  
**Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical)*

**The Service of Giving**

**Notes**

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music  
**+Song** *Glory Be to the Father*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray: (prayers are given; silence is kept.)

God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ, the great physician, who made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore us to wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Going into the World**

**+Hymn** *We All are One in Mission*  
STF2243

**+Charge and Benediction**  
**+Postlude**

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## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ candle

### +Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God my whole life long.**

L: The Lord watches over the strangers

**P: God helps all those who are in need.**

Let us pray: **O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Hear us as we pray as Christ taught us: *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** *Blessed be the Name of the Lord* STF2034

### Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

### Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Merciful God, we confess**

**How does God seek to change the plight of the vulnerable people in the Bible such as Naomi and Ruth, and the widow in Mark's story?**

**Is the Mark passage a stewardship story? In what way?**

that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. (moment of silence.)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new one has begun. Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

**Song** *Spirit of the Living God* #322

### The Peace

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you all!

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *A Lord Built House* - Adams

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word**

**is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**

### Scripture Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup>Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." <sup>5</sup>She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup>Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup>He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." <sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup>The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father