

Pastor's Message "Kingdom values"
Hymn "Nothing Between" No. 373

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" No. 2031
*Offertory Prayer

The Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn "Living for Jesus" No. 2149

*Blessing

By our words and deeds, we show God that we are faithful with the gifts we have received.

Whether over a little or a lot, we seek to be faithful stewards of God's gifts.

Take the gifts of God into the world, remembering the poor, the least, and the lost.

We will take God's gifts to a hurting world, spreading a healing balm in all that we do. Praise be to God!

Choir Postlude "I'm Gonna Live ..." No. 2153

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**Waupun United Methodist Church
September 22, 2019 9:00 AM**

Welcome to this time of worship!
Special welcome to all guests who are joining us today.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

*The Greeting

Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Once there was a man about to lose his job. In desperation, so his family wouldn't starve, he made deals with many people who owed large amounts of money to the company.

Very shrewd! Buying friends!

I wonder if that could work with God?

If I give a big enough donation to the church, could I buy God's friendship?

God doesn't work that way. God's friendship isn't for sale.

If God doesn't want money, then what?

God desires things of eternal value:

humility, honesty, kindness, faithfulness and worship.

Then let us worship God in truth and spirit.

*Opening Hymn

"We Are Called"

No. 2172

*Opening Prayer

God of wealth and justice, all things are Your creation and Your possession. You have given us enough for all and call us to be stewards of the wondrous resources of the universe. May our choices show an awareness of Your justice and Your grace. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

"Are you a good steward?"

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

16 Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. ² So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.'

³ "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. ⁴ Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.'

⁵ "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' ⁶ The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.'

⁷ "'And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.'

⁸ "The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. ⁹ Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

¹⁰ "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." (NLT)

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