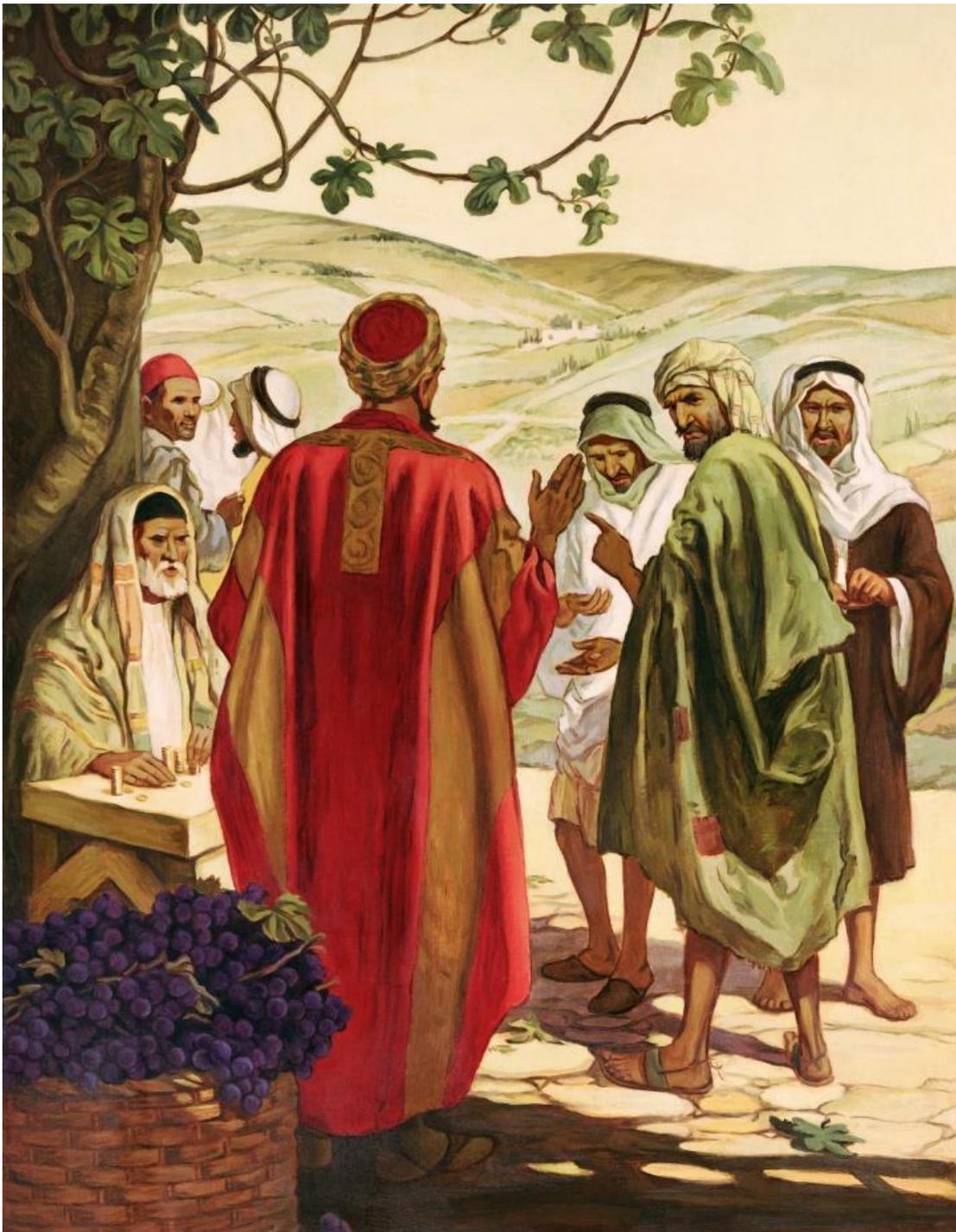


Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, as Jesus came to a waiting people and pronounced the reign of God near at hand, draw near to us too, we pray. Speak to us, and let your reign on earth envelop our hearts and minds, so that your way will be our way and your dream of future our own. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Allemande”
Don Burleson, Recorder

Corelli

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of meaninglessness,

You call us to meaning, O God.

In the midst of divisiveness,

You call us to be united by Christ.

Out of our brokenness,

You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit.

Out of our isolation,

You call us into community.

In praise and thanksgiving, for your gifts and callings, we worship, O God.

Come let us worship together!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Adagio”
Don Burleson, Recorder

Corelli

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have called us to be creatures of light and love, but we confess that we have sometimes behaved more as creatures of judgment and resentment. We have seen others and deemed them unworthy or wanting, while insisting that our ever needs be met. We have valued competition more than cooperation. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to hoard your grace and manage your love. Cleanse us by your Spirit so that we may rejoice in your mercy and serve your will with gratitude and generosity, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11; OT Page 861

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16; NT Page 21

SERMON

“God Doesn’t Play Zero Sum Games” Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Seek Ye First”

arr. Wagner

Ellen Mitchell and Anne Weadon, Vocal Duet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967* inclusive language version; ¶9.21 and 9.22)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Sandie McMillan

Prayer institution of the week: Baltimore Presbytery (Baltimore, MD)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Maria Elena Bodnar (301-390-0484) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is Cory Gimperling.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Parish Associate	Rev. Dorothy LaPenta
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