



The Shrewd Manager, oil on canvas  
Nelly Bube, Qaraghandy, Republic of Kazakhstan

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22, 2019

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.  
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,  
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.  
Children attending Church School will be escorted  
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids."*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Mary B. Speers**

**Minute for Mission**

**Karen Meyers**

**Prelude** The Ash Grove

Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Mary Hodgson**

One: Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "The harvest is past," they say,

**All: "the summer is ended, and we are not saved."**

One: For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, says the Lord.

**All: I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.**

One: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

**All: Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?**

~ Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1

**\*Hymn** O God of Earth and Altar

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**Prayer of Confession**

One: Gracious God, our burdens are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

**All: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

One: Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed;

**All: And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*moment of silence*

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Sung Response**

Iona Community

*see page 6*

**\*The Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**Time with Faith Kids**

**Sung Prayer for Illumination**

**Hymn 288** Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)**

**melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Lesson** Luke 16:1-9

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**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

"Unrighteous Mammon"

**Rev. Speers**

\***Hymn 792** There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory Anthem** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Hal H. Hopson  
(b. 1933)

O, I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When storms are raging, Lord, walk with me. When I am sinking, save my soul, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

\***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\***Dedication of Self & Substance**

**Holy God, you have claimed us as your own family. You have blessed us with your bounty, so with thanks we now return these gifts to you. By the work of your Spirit among us, give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

\***Hymn 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

\***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

**Postlude** Allegro Giocoso

Camille Saint-Saëns  
(1835-1921)

### Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Mary B. Speers**, *Interim Pastor*  
**Dr. Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music*  
**Mary Hodgson**, *Liturgist*  
**Chancel Choir**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Forum** *Sundays 9:15 – Woodmont Room*

September 29 - October 21 – *Five Stories that Define Us* from the book of Genesis, led by **Rev. Jack Hodges**

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in the Woodbourne Room for a discussion of the next Sunday's lesson. No preparation is required.

### **Fall Habitat Workdays**

The Workdays are in! If you would like to get dirty, have fun, and make a difference, volunteer! The limit is 10 people per day. Upcoming dates are October 5, 19, 26. Call or text Natalie Wallace.

### **CARES Pantry**

The Pantry is full of empty shelves. We need **canned veggies, spaghetti sauce, and cereal**. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund; your gifts are used to purchase fresh produce. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Book Club** *at the Meyers home.*

We will be reading "Educated" by Tara Westover. Born in Idaho, public education was one of the many things her religious fanatic father was dubious of, believing it a means for the government to brainwash its gullible citizens. Her brother managed to extricate himself from their dangerous world and help her get out of a house full of mental illness and distorted reality. She accomplished the impossible by pursuing education to its highest level despite her earlier ignorance of the real world and history as well. Enjoy her incredible journey and join us **Monday, September 23**, at Karen & David Meyers' home to discuss this amazing story.

### **Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

# O God of Earth and Altar

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Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1906

Welsh hymn melody  
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry;  
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of pen and tongue  
3. Tie in a liv - ing teth - er The priest and prince and thrall;

Our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter; Our peo - ple drift and die;  
From all the eas - y speech - es That sat - is - fy the throng;  
Bind all our lives to - geth - er; Smite us and save us all;

The walls of gold en - tomb us; The swords of scorn di - vide;  
From sale and prof - a - na - tion Of hon - or and the sword,  
In ire and ex - ul - ta - tion, A - flame with faith, and free,

Take not thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.  
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - liv - er us, good Lord!  
Lift up a liv - ing na - tion, A sin - gle sword to thee. A - men.

Words from *The English Hymnal*; used by permission of Oxford University Press.

# Glory and gratitude and praise

*firmly*

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let earth to  
Glo - ry and gra - ti -

hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise:  
- tude and praise

these we of - fer to God.  
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