

Communion Music

Dee Dee Gain, organ

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional

Tshotsholosa (Go Forward)
South African Freedom Song
Millikin Ensemble

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Dee Dee Gain, organ

J. S. Bach



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Pavane*** Peter Warlock
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

Opening Music ***Zion's Walls*** Aaron Copeland
Millikin Ensemble

*Responsive Reading

Leader: There is no need that God cannot fulfill.

People: God is our constant companion.

Leader: When we stand at the crossroads not knowing which way to turn,

People: God is our constant companion.

Leader: When our pain is severe, when our burden is heavy,

People: God is our constant companion.

Leader: We trust in God's promises. God will not let us go.

People: God is our constant companion.

*Invocation

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***Prayer of the Children*** Kurt Bestor
Millikin Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***He Never Failed Me Yet*** Robert Ray
Millikin Ensemble

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-27

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***At the Crossroads***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***Alleluia*** Ralph Manuel
Millikin Ensemble

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Gail Prince/Janet Lyman

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration
(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Questions for Reflection

What is one of the more important decisions you've had to make in your life?

What all went into your coming to the decision you did?

There are different specific pieces of advice given in this message.

Which resonates with you best?

- Don't make the "big" decisions in life too quickly
- If God is your Co-pilot, change seats
- Have a trusted friend to consult with in moments of big decisions

What other pieces of advice have been helpful to you at "Crossroads Moments?"

In Matthew 25, a "Talent" was a unit of currency. We think of "talent" more in terms of gifts and abilities. Do you think this story from Jesus is mostly about money? About gifts and abilities? About something else?

In what way did the third servant do something "good" in burying his portion? Why did the master ultimately criticize him?

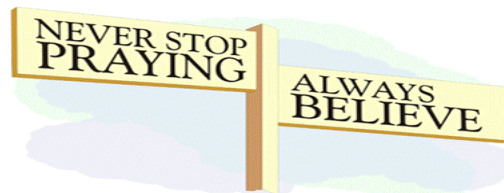


Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, ^[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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.' ²¹ 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.' ²² 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.' ²³ 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.' ²⁴ 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; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ 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 scatter? ²⁷ 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.'

Notes:

Prayer List



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