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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Theme

Money is not the root of *all* evil, but it accounts for a lot of it. How might we live into the wisdom found in today's parable?

* Indicates stand as you are able.

The congregation shall read the **bold-faced print**.

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

**Introit:* VU 412 This is the Day, verse 1

**Call to Worship:*

One: Welcome to this service in the midst of summer warmth and colour.

All: We have come, excited to receive God's word.

One: We are here to praise our Creator and give our thanks.

All: We have come to raise our spirits to the heavens in song.

One: We are here to offer prayers for a better world.

All: We gather here as one community to worship together and to be reminded to love one another.

One: We have come as one family of God, eager to be attentive to the ways of holy goodness and lovingkindness.

All: Come, let us worship God.

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*Hymn: VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

Creator of all that is good, thank you for encouraging us all to be here in this place today. May these walls provide shelter for those who need it, both physically and spiritually. May we, the people gathered here, provide welcome and acceptance of who each of us are: precious children of God. May the words we receive and the hymns we share fill our hearts and minds with joy and wisdom for the week ahead. And may your loving presence in this place be carried with us in our words and actions, in everything we do. And the people of God declare: Amen!

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1–11

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13–21

Reader: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: The Price of Financial Freedom

*Hymn: VU 606 In Christ There Is No East or West

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: VU 602 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Go forth from this place.

All: We go as those who praise God.

One: Go forth to the world God loves.

All: We go to show that hate has no power when confronted with the love of God.

One: Go forth to be the disciples we are asked to be.

**All: We go to be what Jesus called us to be:
fishers and friends, salt and light. Amen.**

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Blessing: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live, verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us today.

August 10, 2025 – 10:00a.m. – Boiestown.

**Rev. Curtis will be on vacation July 28 – August 4, 2025 and
August 22 – August 24, 2025.**

**Vacation Bible School will be held on August 19 – 21, 2025 at
Our Lady of Annunciation Church from 1:00 – 4:00p.m.**