



## **Sunday, May 12th, 2019**

### **Mother's Day**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'"

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

**Luke 12:13-21(NIV)**

# - CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

## Greeters:

Marie & Dick Kephart  
Judy Smith  
Patti Hoag  
Marge & Bill Mann

## Ushers:

John Wolfe  
Hank & Sue Walker  
Nancy Holtzapple  
John Herr  
Ben & Jennifer Switch

## Chancel Flowers

Diane Bock, in memory of Joy  
Walt & Louise Bryde, in honor of Helen Emmitt

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

Prelude

*"How Lovely are the Messengers"*

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship - (Based on Proverbs 31)

Leader: A woman of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

**People: Her family has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.**

**She brings her family good, not harm, all the days of her life.**

Leader: She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the most vulnerable.

**People: She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come**

Leader: She speaks wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

**All: Her children arise and call her blessed; her partner also praises her:**

**Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Let us worship God  
and thank for the all wonderful mothers and women. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn #473

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

## Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Merciful God, We thank you for creating each mom**

**and woman with a unique combination of gifts and talents.**

**We thank you for their dedication, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms,  
and moms who have some combination of the two.**

**We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you  
for the parenting of their children.**

**We also pray for women who never had the opportunity of bearing children,  
but whose nurturing heart extends to the many in need.**

**Most of all, Lord, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us,  
who have nurtured us, and who are praying for us.**

**Forgive us for disrespecting our mothers and spouses;  
forgives us for not doing enough to end**

**domestic violence, sexual harassment and sexual abuse.**

**Help us to honor our mothers and see each woman as a sacred child of you.**

**May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you,  
who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.**

**In the name of Jesus our Lord and savior we pray, Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

Presentation of Offering

*Please sign and pass the “**Friendship Pad**” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Offertory

*“Glorious”*

\*Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*At this time, children and youth may be dismissed to go to Sunday school. A teacher is stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the Lounge.*

Scripture Readings

Luke 12:13-21

Message

**“A Mother’s Soul”**

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

### **Responding to God’s Word**

Hymn of Response

*“Be Still My Soul” (verse 1)*

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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.**

### **Going in God’s Name**

\* Closing Hymn #442

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels’ wings; I see glory in each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Organ Postlude

**MUSIC:** DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST  
SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR, HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR  
**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER, GARRETT KOLEDA

\* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**Children/Youth Singers:** Caroline Camens, Joanna Roth, James Kiiru,  
Sammy Yohe, Iranzi Smith, Kyle Vanden Berg, Ella Juarez, and Lily Fields



Care and compassion - If you or someone you know would like a helping hand by way of a comfort meal, prayer shawl, visitation, or a delivery of flowers, please feel free to reach out to our Caring Deacons in the narthex today.

## Sermon Notes

Happy Mother's day ...In the Biblical Text today Jesus is addressing:

- We want to have wealth and we want to have more things in life.
- Sermon on the Mount: *"Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?"* (Mt. 6:25)
- The apostle Paul writing to the Colossians said, *"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and **greed** which is idolatry"* (Colossians 3:5)
- The rich person on this parable was that he was so worried about his future that neglected to enjoy his present life. The rich fool lived completely for himself:  
*"I will tear down... I will store...And I will say to my soul:  
You have plenty of grain/investments for many years. I will eat, drink and be merry"*

Where is his family? Where are his friends? Where is God?

MLK sermon: Why Jesus called a man a fool?

- 1. Because the rich man allowed the means to become the end...**
- 2. Because the rich man failed to recognize his dependence on others...**
- 3. Because he failed to recognize his dependence on God...**

Tuesday morning Breakfast comments about this text: *"God would have liked this rich man to share his wealth with others". "Your attitude about money is very important for healthy life" "you can't worship your wealth, but we are called to worship God and love your neighbor". "Recognize whatever you have comes from God". "Remember you can't take a U-Haul truck when you go to the cemetery or memorial garden". "We are all called to be generous with our wealth"*

**Questions to reflect:** Are we making money for the sake of becoming rich or to share it with our neighbors whom God call us to love? Are we focused on ourselves that we are neglecting our families, our friends and relationships? And are we worshipping our possessions and wealth that we do neglect to worship God?