



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around.

He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

"Because no one has hired us," they answered.

"He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it they began to grumble against the landowner. These who were hired last worked only one hour, they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16 (niv)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Barb & Ron Mable, Pat Walters, Robin Roach, Dotty Leaman and Denny Davish

Ushers: Randy Heller, John Wolfe, Coleman Harris, Matt Allen, Phil Smith, Phyllis Thompson

The Chancel Flowers are presented by: Nancy Mudloff in memory of Robert Mudloff

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart!

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful. The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

Leader: Holy and awesome is God's name.

People: Let us praise God's name forever!

*Opening Hymn #446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

God of abundant goodness, we confess that sometimes we want your grace all to ourselves. There are times when we find it difficult to share your mercies that are new every morning. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us when we allow jealousy to overtake us. And forgive us when we are petty in the presence of your generosity. We ask once again for your mercy. Help us to be more merciful to one another and share your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

Congregational Response

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

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And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,

And He shall lift you up.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* 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.**

Welcoming Sarah Hostetter

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16 Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message "The Parable of the Generous Boss" Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Choral Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *arr. Gilber M. Martin*

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of the Thanksgiving and the 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.**

Words of Institution Rev. Matt Drumheller

Distribution of Elements

*is our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.*

Special Music Flute Concerto in e minor "I: Allegro Maestoso" by Saverio Mercandante Bill Wang & Gus Beaulieu

Closing Prayer Rev. Matt Drumheller

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Charge & Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Benediction Response

**Lord, who throughout these forty days, For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.**

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER
A/V: GUS BEAULIEU, KEN OSBORNE

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.