

A Tale of Three Investors



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Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, more.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

Virtual Bazaar continues

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00

WICS Tuesday at 2:00

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

Submissions for “Guess Whose Library”

III. Opening Hymn – CP #114 “Take My Life”

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for.

holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it;

Take my mind, transform it;

Take my will, conform it

To yours, to yours O Lord

Faithfulness, Faithfulness, is what I long for.

Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it;

Take my mind, transform it;

Take my will, conform it

To yours, to yours O Lord

Righteousness, righteousness, is what I long for.
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it
To yours, to yours O Lord
To yours, to yours O Lord
To yours, to yours O Lord.

IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)

How shall we enter the house of the Lord?
With songs of great praise and rejoicing!
How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?
With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.
Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.
Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us.
AMEN

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 123 - (Joe Rogers)

It is to you that we look for help, LORD;
.....to you who rules from the throne of heaven!

When people are injured,
.....they look to the doctors for help;

when they lie in hospital,
.....they look to the nurses for compassion;
and in the same way
.....we look to you, the LORD our God:
.....we depend on your kindness and care.

Treat us with compassion, LORD, treat us with compassion.
.....We've endured more than our fair share of contempt.

We have had an absolute gutful
.....of being put down by the arrogant
.....and treated like dirt by those who've got it easy.

VII. Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves

came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten

talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

VIII. Sermon - "A Tale of Three Investors" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #381 "Take My Gifts"

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me
Gave me light and food and shelter
Gave me life and set me free
Now because your love has touched me
I have love to give away.
Now the bread of love is rising
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
From the tree your Spirit sowed
Harvest of your own compassion
Juice that makes the wine of God
Spiced with humor laced with laughter
Flavor of the Jesus life
Tang of risk and new adventure
Taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer
Gifts that I have yet to find,
Skills that I am slow to sharpen
talents of the hand and mind,
Things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be
Take my gifts and let me love you
God who first of all loved me.

X. Moment for Mission – (What’s Going On In Our Building?)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #139 “Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Peggy Davidson and Barbara Meade)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What’s a “Doxology”?** Some Sundays we will sing a “doxology” (literally “saying of glory”) after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord’s Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord’s Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We’d love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you’ll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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CALENDAR

November 15th-22nd, 2020

This Sunday—Annual Business meeting, Pledges and Church Leaders Ballots due

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)
10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)
2:00 p.m. Women In Christian Service (WICS), [Zoom](#)
7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, [Zoom](#)

Next Sunday—Thanksgiving Special Offering

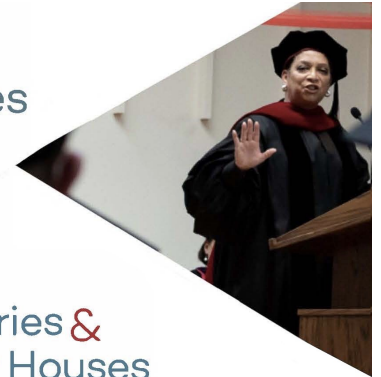
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