



Treasure What Matters Most

For joy He went and sold all that He had and bought that field.

SERMON SERIES

**TREASURE WHAT MATTERS MOST:
HOW JESUS' PARABLES ORDER OUR LIVES**

How do we know what we should value most in life? Jesus could have given us a list.

Instead, he shares stories that get us involved, wondering, and questioning. Sometimes the most important values in life need to be shown, not told, and that is what Jesus does in these four parables, each from the Gospel of Luke.

If you have a prayer request, please forward it to the church office.

We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you ask us to leave it on longer.

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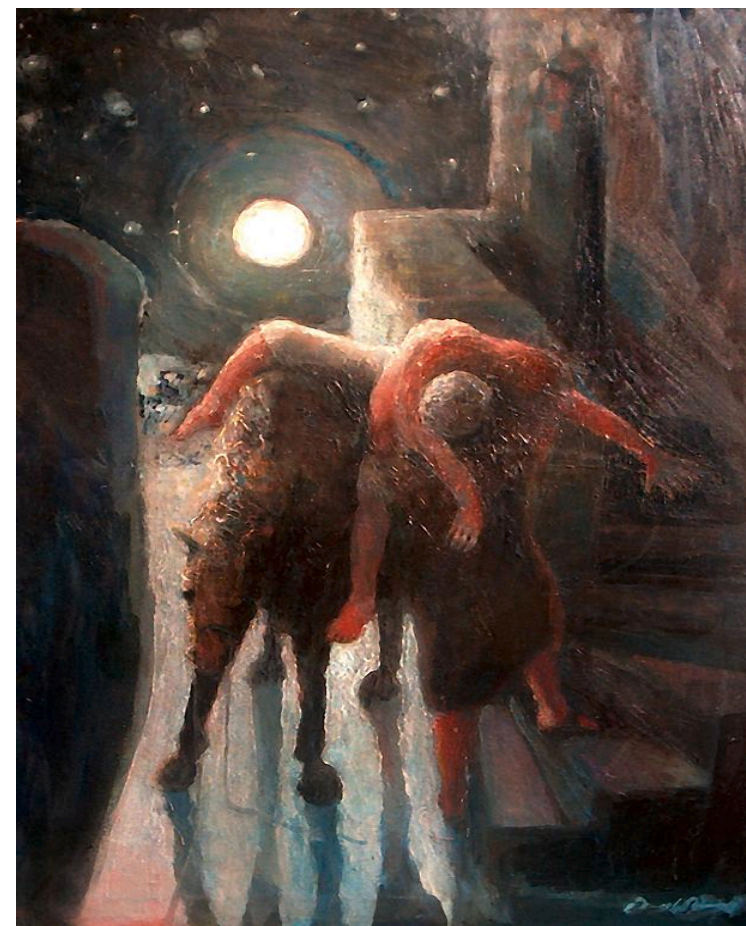
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11 a.m. Worship



**TREASURING
THE
RIGHT THINGS,**

**DESPITE
THE
COST**

November 3, 2024

We Gather In Need of the Risen Christ

Chiming *Ringing of the bells indicates the beginning of worship.*

Gathering Music

"Gather"
Manley/Shoup

Call to Worship

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be. Amen.

Welcome

***Passing the Peace**

“Some people say, ‘God will not ask me to do anything that I am not able to do.’

God always asks you to do things you cannot do.

He is not interested in revealing your devotion to Him to a watching world, by giving you things you know you can do.

He doesn't take an inventory of your gifts and abilities. He looks at your life to see if you have an obedient heart and are willing to let Him express His presence and His power through your life.”

—Henry Blackaby

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 529 “Gather Us In”

Verses 1 and 3

“... called to be light to the whole human race...”

*Confessing our Sin

Eternal God, there are people who may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but we pass them by.

Some are family and friends we take for granted.

Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into despair.

Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge:

they are weak, or poor, or the enemy, or because they remind us of who we once were, or could have become.

Move us to action, so that we might shower mercy on all we meet,

even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Receiving Grace

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us.

We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

We Hear the Word

Message

Treasuring the Right Things, Despite the Cost

Luke 10:25-37

Dr. Craig Wansink

The Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming New Members

The Wright Family

Meditating on Our Faith

Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Habershon/Gabriel, lyrics adapted by RS

Ali and Bob Shoup

Mission and Ministry of the Church

The Lord's Supper

We sing together:

**Come to the table of grace, Come to this table of grace.
This is God's table, not yours or mine. Come to God's table of grace.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Following Communion

We Respond in Humility

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 238 “Spirit of Gentleness”

Verses 2 and 4

“... stir me from placidness...”

We Depart in Joy

*Benediction

Don't stand on the sideline, figuring out who your neighbor is. Recognize that you have been gifted, then share extravagant love. You have been blessed. Be a blessing to others. **Amen.**

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.”

—Alice Walker

"Our human compassion binds us the one to the other— not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learned how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

— Nelson Mandela

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

— Arthur Ashe