



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

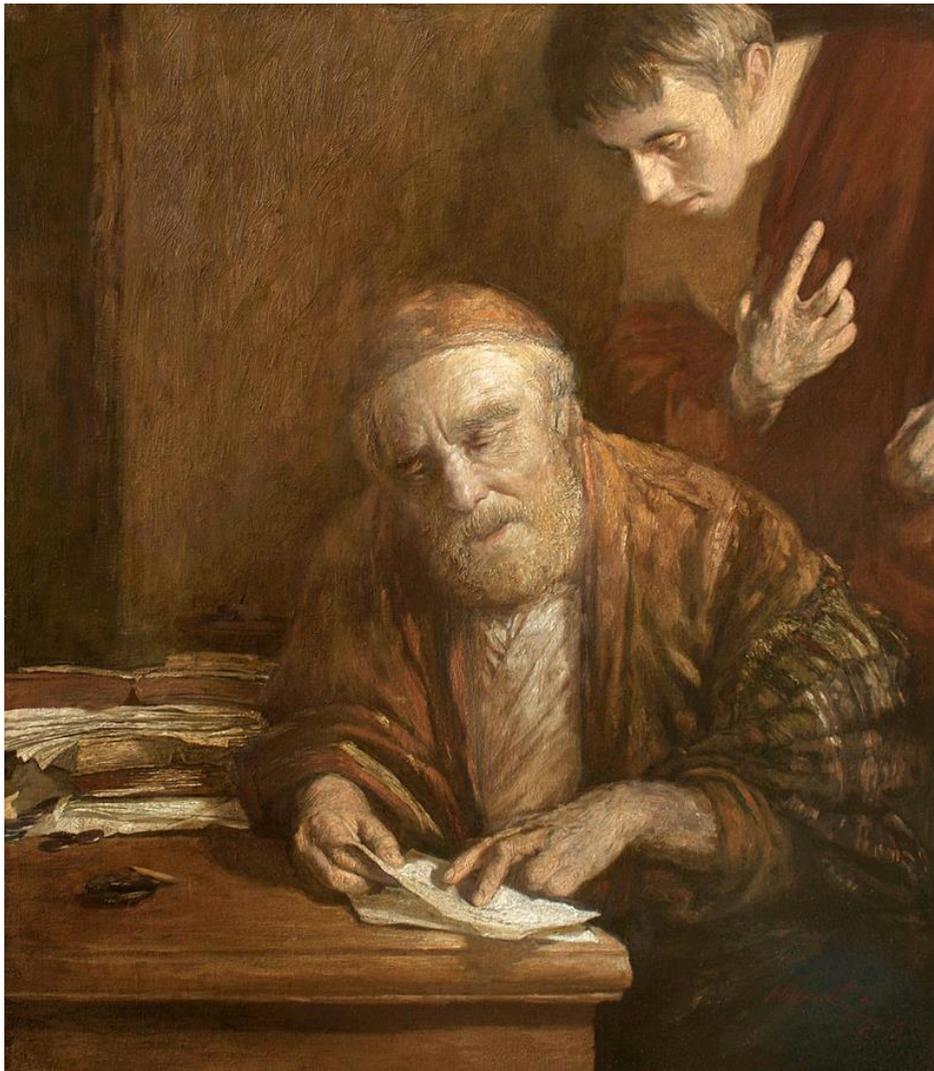


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## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Ordinary Time (Proper 12)*

July 25, 2021



*Parable of the Unjust Steward; Andreï Nikolaevich*

C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Paula Trill, Liturgist  
Amanda Horan, Guest Preacher

*I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. ~ Luke 16:9*



## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News: We have not been faithful in all things. But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness. Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness, embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Glory to God! We are forgiven. We have hope. We will respond. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**ALLELUIA**

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!**  
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

**GTG #591**  
**HALLE HALLE**

## **~ THE WORD ~**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

**2 SAMUEL 11:1-15**

**(NRSV)**

**ANTHEM**

**JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE**

**GTG #830**

By Johann Franck & Catherine Winkworth; Music by Johann Cruger, harm. Bach

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**LUKE 16:1-8**

**(NRSV)**

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**GENEROUS FRIENDSHIP**

**Amanda Horan**

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**GTG #606**

Words by Thomas Ken

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*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.**

~ *SENDING* ~

**HYMN**

**LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY**

**GTG #526**

By Fred Kaan; Jamaican Melody adapt. Doreen Potter

**LINSTEAD**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**FUGUE IN C MINOR**

**J.S. Bach**

*Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee and tea.*

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA; *Presbyterian Outlook*, McDowell Ott; and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers Call to Worship was written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

Confession and Assurance of Pardon posted on the Pacific Pilgrim website.  
<https://pacificpilgrim.com/>

GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; (NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version