

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Andrew Miller

“God’s Way Challenges Conventional Structures and Practices”

Question of the Day: Why do we begrudge God’s generosity?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
Sarah Brannigan, soprano

Margaret Bonds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If able, you may share prayers of joy or concern by posting a comment on the Facebook page at this time.)

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Erin and Matt Riley (daughter of Kim and Judy DeWitt), Dick O’Ferrall, Jim Bidwell, Marlene Wheeler, Linda Rose, The Belanger family (friends of Judy and Kim DeWitt), Dick Hubbard (Martha Miller’s father), Ben Sellers, Ragun Karari, Linnet Stevens, Jerry Coscarelly, Barbara Shivers (Candy Baker’s mother), Dottie Graham (friend of Jim and Marilyn Bidwell), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, Sally Weisenburger, Nicole Patton, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez,

and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Alma, MI,
Christian Evangelical Church in Sangihe-Talaud and Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs.

MORNING PRAYER 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Festal Postlude: Redeemer of Israel” Franklin D. Ashdown

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Sarah Brannigan, and Andrew Miller

Offering:

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in the offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the “Give Now” button or use the QR Code,



Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

Ways to stay connected: phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send a card or note, pray with and for one another, join an Outreach Cluster.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you join us for in-person worship, please wear a mask, social distance, and use the hand sanitizing stations.