



*I was afraid,  
and I went and hid your talent in the ground.*

***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Order of Worship  
July 10, 2022  
10:00 AM**

*Online Worship  
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Oh How I Love Jesus*

American Folk Tune

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Brenda Krens

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Brenda Krens

**O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**Hymn**

*This Is My Father's World*

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**Children's Message**

Pastor Debra

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**The Lord's Prayer**

All Praying

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**Consecration of Pastor Maggie**

Pastor Debra

*Associate Pastor for Families, Youth, and Children*

**Ministry of Music**

*Living for Jesus*

Sandy Bruner

**Prayer for Illumination**

*All Praying*

Brenda Krens

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Brenda Krens

**The Parable of the Talents**

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 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.' 21 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.' 22 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.' 23 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.' 24 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, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 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. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## **Sermon**

*How Has God Gifted You*

Pastor Maggie

## **A Modern Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor Debra

Pastor Debra:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
There is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,  
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

### **People and Pastor:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

## **Invitation to The Offering**

Brenda Krens

With great joy we receive our morning offering today. This is a vital reminder of the many ways in which we can serve God through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us joyfully receive this morning's offering.

## **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Purer in Heart*

Fillmore

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Prayer of Dedication* (All Praying)

Brenda Krens

**Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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## **Commission and Benediction**

Pastor Debra

Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name,  
and may God bless you with every gift needful for His work,  
may the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself  
completely for the sake of the gospel,  
and may the love and the compassion and the hope and the faith  
of Jesus dwell richly within you till the time of his coming.  
both now and forevermore. Amen

## **Choral Benediction**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**Then let us go to serve in peace,**

**The gospel to proclaim.**

**God's Spirit has empowered us;**

**We go in Jesus' name.**

## **Postlude**

*Chorale Postlude*

Bach

## **THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

*This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

## **TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

*Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.*

*Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.*