

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Luke 16 He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was ^[a]wasting his goods. ² So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’

³ “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to *him*, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ And he said, ‘A hundred ^[b]measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred ^[c]measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

⁹ “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous ^[d]mammon, that when ^[e]you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰ He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. ¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?

¹³ “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”



Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2025

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***Community United Methodist Church
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Longview, Texas
September 21, 2025***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Come, Thou Almighty King* Joanna McAtee

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we are surrounded on every side,
wondering which way is up and which way is down...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we question which way to go
and how to follow God's path for us...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we find our rest in God and long
for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen
and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help
to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

***UNITY SONG** (to tune of *The Church's One Foundation*)

In Unity we gather, to worship and rejoice.

**From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong
voice. Lord help us love each other and serve all those in
need, and live as your disciples – in heart and word and
deed.**

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE:

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

(Let us offer to each other signs of peace and reconciliation)

***HYMN: #430 UMH** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Quita Russell

LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

***GLORIA PATRIA: #70 UMH**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

O God, guide us by your Spirit, that as the scriptures are read
and your will is earnestly sought, we may see your light, find
your truth, and discover your peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

***HYMN: #399** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE:

Rev. Stan Larson

***HYMN: #98** *To God Be the Glory*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We Shall Overcome

Joanna McAtee