

**“Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Legacy” 2. The Lord's Vineyard**

**The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray and seek quietness  
as we all prepare to worship God together.*

**PRELUDE** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Lemmel

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS** Jim Simpson  
**MINUTE FOR MISSION: Snack-in-a-BackPack** Angela Huffstetler

**\* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN 301 v1**  
*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions; rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of all shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** Terri Charron

Whatever gains I had,  
**these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.**  
I regard everything as loss  
**because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**  
As the Scriptures promise:  
**the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**  
This is the Lord’s doing,  
**and it is amazing in our eyes.**  
**Let us worship God.**

**\* HYMN # 12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*silent prayer, then spoken*)

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.**  
**You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines,  
and kept watch over us by night and day.**  
**But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.**  
**We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done,  
but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ.  
**This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE #821 v4 and Refrain**  
*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 5:1-7 (p.596/p.776) Terri Charron  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** (Activity Packs for children available ask Usher)

**\* HYMN # 291** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 21:33-46 (p.22/p.29) Elaine Whitley  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “Stained Glass” Martin

**SERMON** “The Fruits of the Kingdom” Jim Simpson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer** (*...forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us...*)

**THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY** “Awaken the Dawn” Garrard

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Elaine Whitley

**God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.**  
**As you are generous, we want to be generous too.**  
**May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world,  
so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle’s Creed Hymnal page 35

\* HYMN # 625

“O Lord My God”

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

God's Blessings upon you, upon those you love  
and those you shall never know.

Blessings upon your steps and upon the vision of your eyes.

Blessings upon you in all circumstances; joy and sorrow,  
for wisdom rests in them, twin experiences with different faces.

Blessings be upon what lies before you,  
the challenges and decisions, the pain and the relief.

Blessings upon you, my friends in Christ. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\* RESPONSE – HYMN # 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

**POSTLUDE**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Hayes

*Kathy Cardwell, Director of Music*

*\*All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

*~~ SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH follows this Service. All are invited!!~~*

*(2018 Stewardship Packets are available today – please pick up your packet)*

**Next Sunday October 15, 2017**

**“Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Legacy” 3. God's Banquet**

Sermon: Invite Everyone

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

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