

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

TODAY'S FOCUS: Do we come from a mind-set of scarcity or abundance?
Can a mind-set of scarcity be changed? Should it be changed?

PRELUDE — Anneke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin**

***OPENING HYMN** TFWS #2032 “My Life Is in You, Lord”

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

**I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you, in you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP — Isabella**

One: It is a good morning, a time when we may worship the living God.

Many: Any time that we are able to worship our God is good.

One: We are thankful to live in a nation where everyone may worship freely.

Many: We are thankful for all those who struggled to make it a reality.

One: We are thankful for those who, even now, are striving for our right to worship freely.

All: We, a thankful nation, rejoice in our living God!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Sue Mercer

SPECIAL MUSIC — Choir "Days of Elijah" by Robin Mark

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-46 — Isabella Presnall

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

MESSAGE

"The Generous and Joyful Heart"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN UMH #344 "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (v. 1-3)

**1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
You only ask me to follow humbly.**

**REFRAIN: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.**

**2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
You will find there my nets and labor. REFRAIN**

**3. You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving. REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Anneke

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Lin**

All: Gracious God, help us be cheerful givers, that the world will see your love through our generosity. We ask that you bless this offering to your purpose and bless all those who benefit from it. Bless this generous church with unity and strength, that we may welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and proclaim your glory all our days. Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,

Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways,

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail through-out eternity.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Lynne

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke
Song Leader—Janice
Liturgist — Isabella Presnall

Accomp.—Anneke
Special Music — Choir
Children's Message— Sue Mercer

Offertory—Anneke
Organ — Ginny or Betsy??