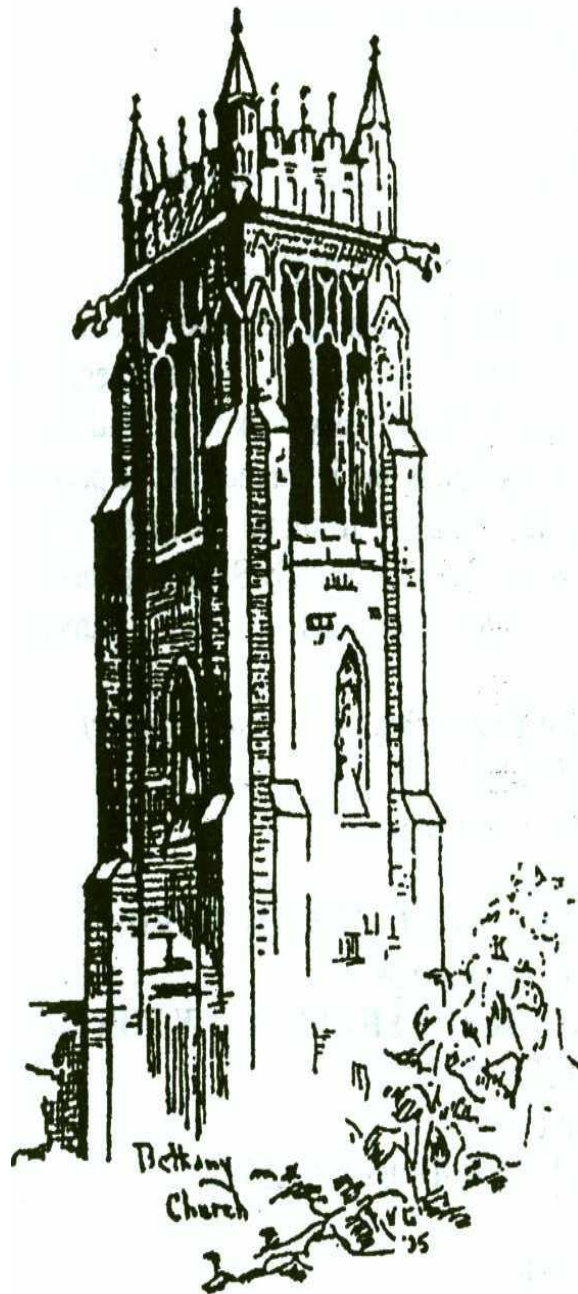


BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

Prelude: "Whispering Hope"

Hawthorne, arr. Boyer

Announcements:

Solo: "Be Still My Soul"

Sibelius / von Schlegel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have entrusted to us. Help us to remember that all we have comes from you, and is to be used to serve you. Make us faithful and trustworthy servants, who seek to find life, embrace hope, and offer forgiveness through Jesus, who teaches us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

THE GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 25:14-30

(See Inserts)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON:

“Take a Risk!”

Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

HYMN: “Now Thank We all Our God”

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(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Broughton

*****The Worship is over. The service begins.*****

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jean Ann Phinney in memory of her husband Bill and two special days. November 15th which would have been their 34th Wedding Anniversary and November 24th which would be his 100th Birthday.

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PLACE YOUR POINSETTIA ORDERS NOW
Help decorate the chancel for Christmas
Give a poinsettia in memory or honor of a
loved one or friend. See Matt

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

By appointment

E-mails checked throughout each day

BETHANY CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle
Rev. William C. Harding
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Thomas Boyer
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Senior Minister
Pastor Emeritus
Moderator
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Organist/Music Director
Treasurer
Sunday School Supt.
Sexton



NOV.15th	Sunday	Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page)	9:30 AM
NOV. 16th	Monday	Deaconate Meeting (Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Church Members by email)	7:00 PM



**Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman
for providing this morning's Worship Music**



**The Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale will still be held, but at a
later date. We will update you with the new date.
Thank you!**



**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Power
Bill Ericson
Bob Goodnow
Ava Piazza
Family of Joshua Walsh

Jack Douglas
Dorothy Mersereau
Family of Edie Goodnow
Family of Nancy A. Piazza
Loraine walsh

Pam and John Eagan
Frieda Matthews
Bill & Carol Harding
Estelle Weinberger
Peter and Grace Wang

And all of our at risk members during the COVID19 crisis

Please send prayer requests and any church news to the Church Office

MATTHEW 25:14-30

The parable of the talents, like the parable of the bridesmaids from last week, also deals with Christ's expected return, but in a different way. This is a story which, like so many of the parables, exaggerates a simple action to emphasize its meaning. Not only would the action of the master appear outrageous to those who heard the story, the amount of money involved was so great as to raise doubts about his sanity. Furthermore, would a wise master have entrusted so much wealth to slaves? While this was an exorbitant sum of money, the meaning of the parable has nothing to do with money. The issue is faithfulness as the parable drives home the point that God's grace is not to be wasted.

The Parable of the Talents

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

Mission Moment: "To worship God in truth is to recognize Him for being who He is, and to recognize ourselves for what we are."

Now Thank We All Our God

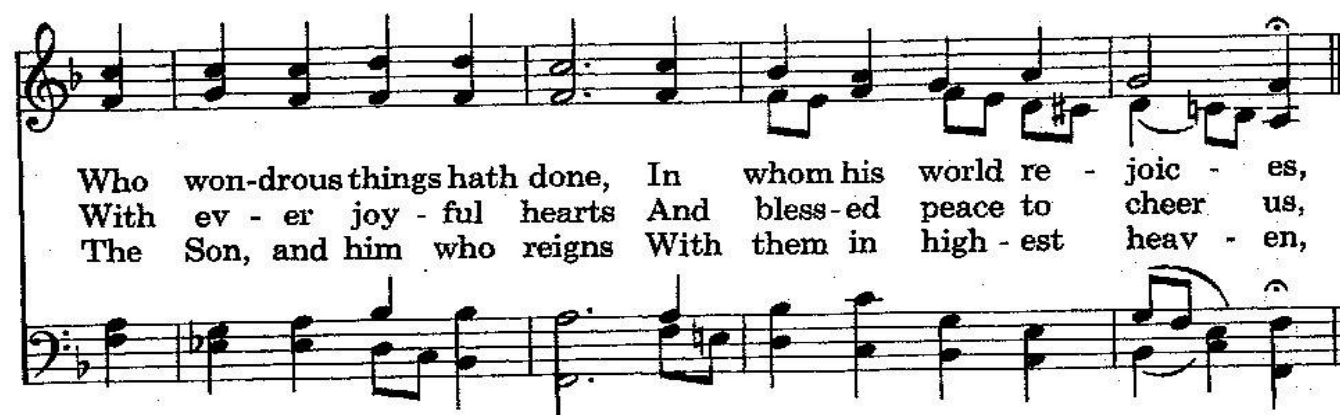
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Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

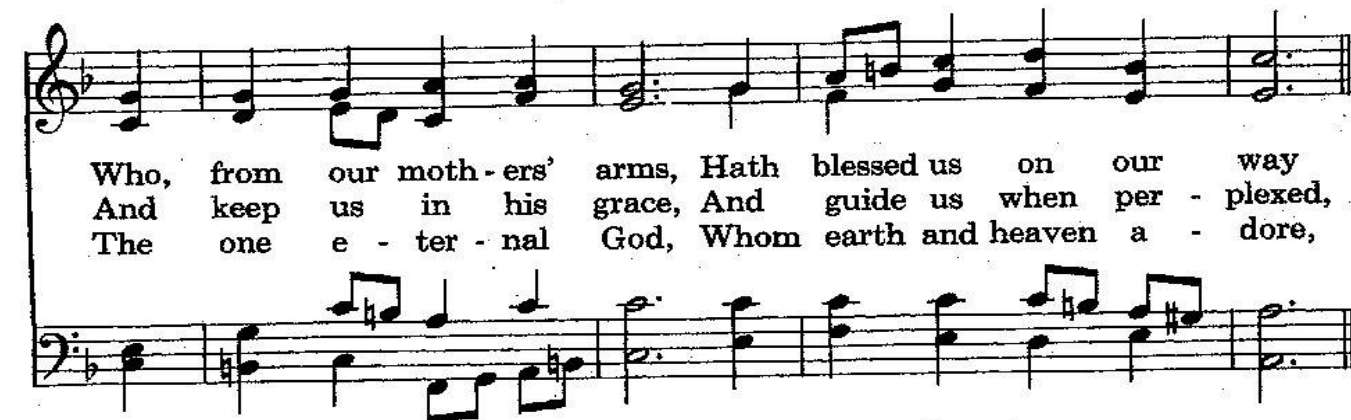
NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re - joic - es,
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a - dore,



With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

HELP US RAISE FUNDS BY DONATING CLOTHES, SHOES & MORE!



Our **FUNDrive**
will be held at:

Drop off gently used items by
November 27, 2020 at Bethany
Church, 18 Spear St, Quincy

and will benefit:

Proceeds used to
continue preservation of
the records of the
Bethany Women's Union

learn more:

Drop off items at Bethany Church, 18
Spear Street, Quincy, or call Jean
Wilson to arrange curbside pickup at
617.698.1646

FUNDrive


we accept:



Savers Clothing Fundraiser for Continued Preservation of the records of the Bethany Women's Union

We have a ton of clothes and items that we intended to sell at the May, 2020 yard sale. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the sale. Clothing and yard sale items are still being donated. Thank you!

Because we have so many clothes, I am organizing a Savers drop off of clothing on November 28 to earn some cash for the continued preservation of the records of the Bethany Women's Union. If you would like to donate any clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, or soft items, please drop them off at the church office through November 27. If you would rather do a curbside pickup, please call me to arrange a time and date for me to come by and pick up your items.

Please contact me, Jean Wilson, at 617.698.1646 for further information or pick-up of items.

Thank you very much

Children's Worship Bulletin

Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Word Search Puzzle

W O R T H L E S S T R E S N R
W I C K E D U J R E M N X N U
K G O S C E M J T S H T Q F A
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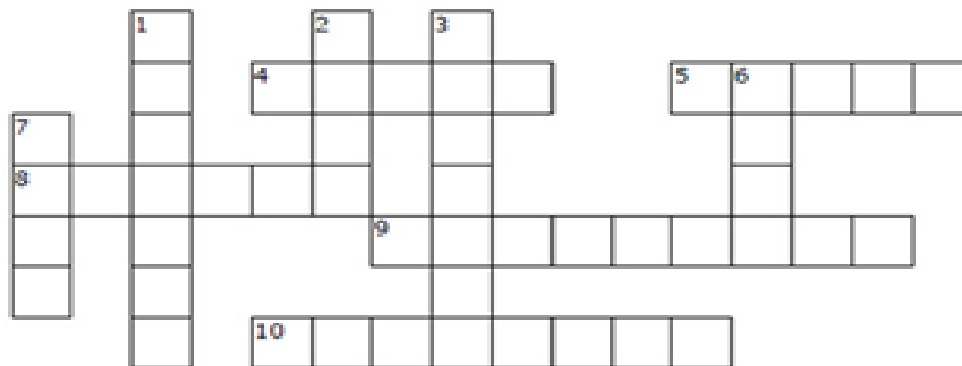
WORTHLESS
PROPERTY
WICKED
HAPPINESS

TALENT
SHARE
FAITHFUL
LAZY

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MONEY
WEeping
ENTRUSTED

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Crossword Puzzle



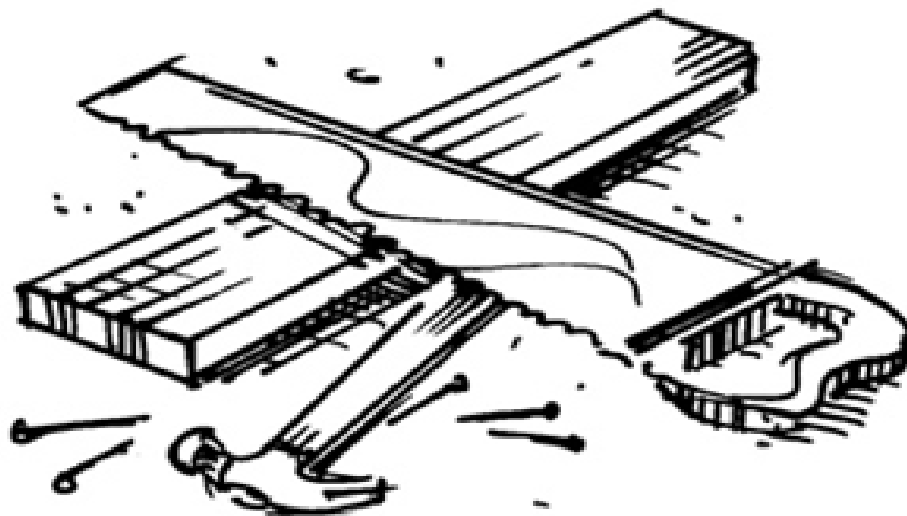
ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

AFRAID	HAPPINESS	LAZY	JOURNEY	FAITHFUL
GOOD	HIDE	SHARE	MONEY	SERVANT



Decoder Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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FAITHFUL	GOOD	HAPPINESS	SHARE	AFRAID
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The Parable of the Talents

Coloring Page



The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30