

# Worship

Sunday, October 24, 2010

“You got a lot of money, but you can't afford the freeway.” Aimee Mann, *Freeway*

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?” Luke 16.10,11.

## Welcome

### Prelude and Time for Reflection

### Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed, 4<sup>th</sup> c.)

### Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to their classrooms)

### Community Together: Prayers of the People

### Giving Back to God: Offering

We'd like to stay in touch; please place the form from the back in the offering plate and we will let you know about upcoming events.

### Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 16.1-9*

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ 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?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

### Understanding God's Word and Our Lives: Sermon

Rev. Stephen Crotts

*“Remember Who You Are”*

#### Outline:

1. What is stewardship?
2. What money can do to us
3. Are we accountable?
4. How long is our Trust?
5. What is the use of wealth?



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## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Reading

Father, we confess that this week we have related to the things of the world wrongly in two ways. We have desired various inanimate objects more than you: believing their promises, praising their distinctions, and fixing our eyes on them more than you. Forgive us. But we have also not faithfully stewarded those things you have entrusted to us, squandering instead of investing, consuming rather than sharing, burying as opposed to using them, for your name and your work in this world. Forgive us.

Let your Spirit heal and change us so we might know you more intimately and see you more clearly. Produce in us wise desires so that we might ask for what is right and best. May your Son Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us, work a discerning faith and a sanctified shrewdness in us, that enables us to address every hope, turn from every faithless fear, and employ every opportunity with your joy and for your purposes.

### Private Reflection

#### Words of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.9)

## Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord's Supper

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, we come forward as families, groups and individuals to receive the bread and cup and for a prayer of blessing. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays, we remain seated, with time to personally remember Jesus' death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to either come forward for prayer or use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

*Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in inner rings.*

## Responding with Song

### Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17

## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of your identity. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more wicked and sinful than I ever dared allow, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, to give me complete forgiveness and rightness with God. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, in joy I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.



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Grace Hill is a church that seeks to live by and testify to the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (see John 1.14-18). We are affiliated with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a denomination with a rich history of Christ's grace and truth.

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