

ONLINE WORSHIP September 20, 2020

HYMNS: Asbury UMC

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK –Matthew 20:14-16

¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

WELCOME/CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to the Lord!

P: Call upon the name of the Lord!

L: God’s love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

P: God’s forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.

L: Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

A: Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others. AMEN.

Ministries Matter

GATHERING UNISON PRAYER

Lord, whether we have come to you from long ago, or have just come to you now, you reach out with love and blessing for each one of us. Help us remember your mercy and your love and offer greetings and blessings to each other in your name. AMEN.

Ministries Matter

HYMN – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH #121 vs. 1,2,3

KINGDOM TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC – “You Are Always On My Mind”

Sung by Linda Talbot, accompanied by Kathy Moland, Norton Park UMC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Philippians 1:27-28

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing.

Matthew 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

²⁰ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the

marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MESSAGE- "A REAL Living Wage"

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DOXOLOGY - "We Are So Blessed" Celebration Hymnal #795

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581 vs. 1,3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL HYMN "Song of Hope" FWS #2186