

Outdoor Worship Service

September 20, 2020, 9:30 AM

SHAWNEE *park*
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

GODS GREETING

SONG OF PRAISE *Great in Power*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL TO HOLY LIVING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SONG OF PREPARATION *Come, Thou Fount*
(Congregation sings vs 1 and 3)

**Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

SERMON TEXT *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON

Firsts and Lasts in the Kingdom

PRAYER

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Grace Unmeasured

(Congregation sings Refrain and vs. 2)

Refrain

**Grace paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace clothes me with power to do what is right.
Grace leads me to heaven where I’ll see Your face,
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.**

**Grace abounding, strong and true, that makes me long to be like You,
That turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on which You died.
Grace unending, all my days, You’ll give me strength to run this race.
And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to You.**

* BLESSING

** Indicates to stand if you are able*

OFFERING: For the next two weeks (September 20 & 27), our offering will be for **Kent County Salvation Army**. The Salvation Army’s mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. This mission is accomplished through offering a myriad of services which include the Kroc Center, emergency disaster services, and utility assistance- to name a few. For more information look up (<https://sawmni.org/>). Thank you for your gifts to this organization as they work to help people in need in our community.

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