

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

L: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**P: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

† HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup> Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") <sup>20</sup> "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." <sup>21</sup> For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. <sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored? <sup>1</sup> O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN

*This Is My Song*

UMH #437

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

SERMON

*"Yes. What?"*

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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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† HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us*

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† BENEDICTION

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