

SERMON NOTES ♦ JUNE 22, 2008  
*A Parable Plainly Presented*

**SERMON TEXT: Mark 12: 1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup>And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup>And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.

<sup>9</sup>What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>11</sup>this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

<sup>12</sup>And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**I. A Pointed Parable (vv. 1-8)**

**II. The Point Plainly Presented (vv. 9-11)**

**III. The Point Plainly Perceived (v. 12)**

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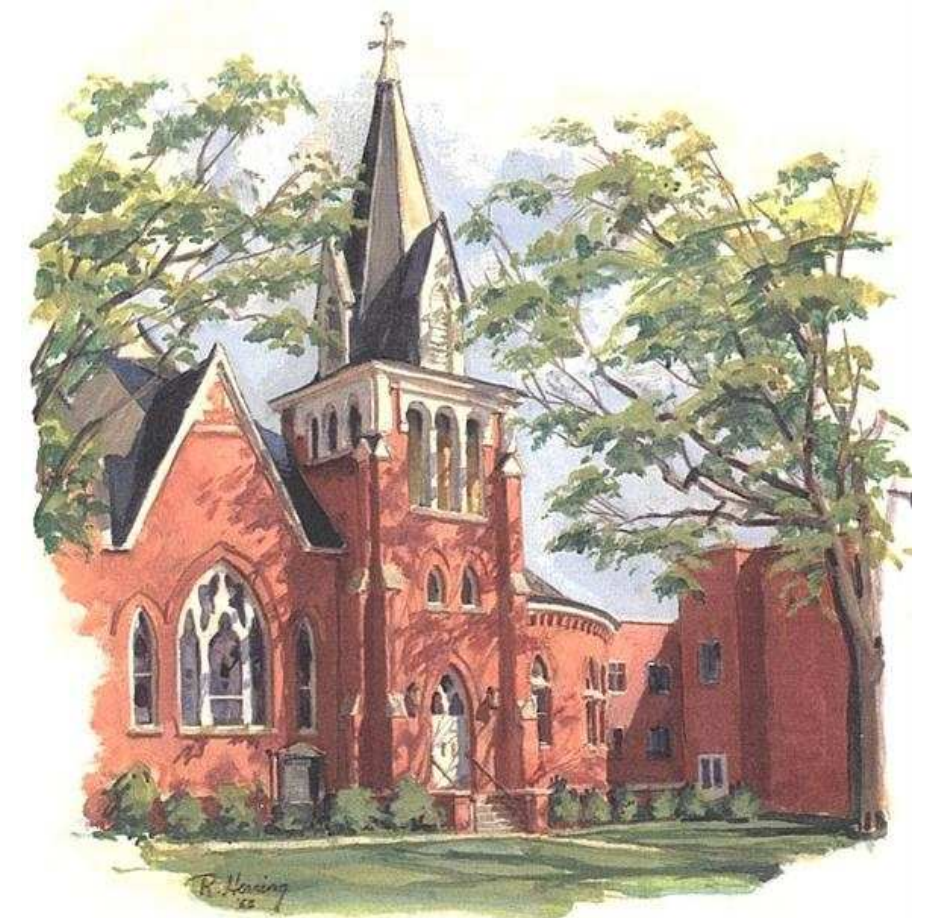
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June 22, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**.....Dr. Fred A. Coates  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invocation

**PRELUDE: *Prelude in D Major***..... Fischer  
Joanne Daykin

**\*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***.....34  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all  
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

**\*HYMN: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***.....598

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** ..... The Rev. Tyler Domske

**COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER MISSION WORKERS**

**THE WORD OF GOD READ RESPONSIVELY:** from Psalm 118

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say,  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the Lord say,  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord’s doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**  
Smith Kirk, reader

**\*HYMN:** *Go to the World*.....553

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ..... The Rev. Domske  
Confession

**Holy and Righteous God, we come before You with  
conflicted lives. Our intentions are good, yet we fail to do  
what is pleasing in Your sight. We yearn to follow Your  
commands, but we yield too easily to temptation. In our  
guilt, we seek to justify our actions rather than to make  
amends. Forgive us for the harm we cause when we  
follow our own way and stray from Your clear teaching.  
Strengthen us so that our hearts and wills are united in the  
desire to do what is right. (silent confession)...**

Thanksgiving  
Intercession  
The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: *The Lord is My Shepherd*..... Pote  
Chancel Choir

\*Response: *Glorify Thy Name* (Verse 1 adapted).....146  
**Father, we love you, we lay our gifts before you, glorify thy  
name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify  
thy name in all the earth.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

Mark 12:1-12  
*A Parable Plainly Presented*.....Dr. Coates

**\*HYMN:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (Verses 1-3).....458

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostles’ Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the  
holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness  
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**\*GOING IN GOD’S NAME**  
Invitation  
Charge and Benediction  
Response: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (Verse 4).....458

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Fantasia*.....Pachelbel

**\* Those who are able** will please stand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a “Welcome Home” folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Templeton by his wife, Eleanor.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE :** Starting last week, our Sunday morning schedule shifted to the following:

- **Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.**
- **Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- **Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We’re making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We’re making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We’re making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of “Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples” and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

**Calendar for June 22 – June 29, 2008**

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with commissioning of 2008 PYF Mission Trip participants
	12:00 p.m. - SupperClub out to lunch (Alphas & Omegas)
Monday:	9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School
	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School
Wednesday:	9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School
	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	6:15 p.m. - PYF “Just Desserts”
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School
	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday:	9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School
Saturday:	PYF leaves on Mission trip to Yakama, WA
Sunday 6/29:	9:00 a.m. - Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with commissioning of 2008 Mwandu Mission Trip participants

**\*There will not be a Session Meeting tonight.**

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Ellie Den Bleyker and family in the death of her husband, Gordon, on June 6, 2008.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS activities will be held beginning tomorrow, Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m. – noon each day. Classes will be held for three year olds through rising sixth grade. Please contact Ellen Auten if you have questions about VBS.

**Children in Action (CIA):** No CIA activities will be held this week because of VBS. Next week’s activity is a trip to the CPCC Summer Theater in Charlotte to see the play, “Aladdin,” on Tuesday, July 1. Reservations are essential; please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275). The group plans to leave at 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m.

**Camp Grier:** Campers attending Camp Grier this week include: **Cherokee Lodge:** Van Herring, Emory McNeely.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Jackie Potter; Katherine Mack; Elma Wilson, Thelma Vaughan’s twin sister; Ashley Teeter; Lee Doughten; Jan Stilwell’s son, John Burris; Leeann DeCastro’s father and sister; Dave Montgomery, Phil Lofin’s brother-in-law; James Gordon; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders’ brother; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father; Martha Andrews; those who have recently lost loved ones and EO3SW Laban Thompson.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>In Memoriam</b> <b>Gordon Den Bleyker</b> June 1, 1933 – June 6, 2008 <i>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13</i></p>
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