

THIS PARABLE BUGS ME.
THE FIRST GUYS GET
TOTALLY RIPPED OFF!



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YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT ALL THE
PEOPLE JESUS CALLED,
YOU AND I HAVE COME
LATE IN THE DAY.



I LOVE
THIS PARABLE!



MATTHEW 20:1-16

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Meditation: I do not at all understand the mystery of grace -
only that it meets us where we are
but does not leave us where it found us. - Anne Lamott

Welcome: to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing. Please speak to our sound technician. Please join in the reading if it is **bold** and *italic*. Coffee and Tea are available at the back of the church, after the service.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Jesus Loves Me (365)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

We are summoned here by our holy God,
who calls us each by name, and gathers us together
in the unity of Jesus Christ.

***From classroom and kitchen and carpool,
we are called into God's presence.***

***Young and old and middle-aged,
individuals and families,
soft-spoken and outspoken,
we hear our names being called to join in worship.***

This house of worship is a place to pursue
God's vision for all people:
unity and joy and faith,
expressed through different gifts.

Praise to God, who calls us, one and all!

Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (559)

Opening Prayer:

Our God has created an abundant universe,
Giving life to all, and graciously preserving all.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Saviour has made a way to abundant life,
Giving His life for all, and compassionately inviting all
to share in His Kingdom.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Comforter is poured out as the abundant Spirit,
Bringing power and gifts to all, and leading all to fullness of life.

***We believe and trust in God, Three in One;
Generous and Loving, Faithful and Eternal. Amen.***

Anthem: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Theme Presentation

Minute for Mission

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 (NT, pg 21, Judy Howey)

Message: When Being Fair Isn't Fair

Prayer of Intercession based on the Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make Your Church an instrument of Your peace
in Your beautiful, broken world:

where there is violence and hatred – ***may we sow love;***

where there is injury and hurt – ***may we sow pardon;***

where there is destruction – ***may we sow healing;***

where there is doubt and distrust – ***may we sow faith;***

where there is despair in life's struggles – ***may we sow hope;***

where there is darkness in heart or mind – ***may we sow light;***

where there is sadness in failure – ***may we sow joy.***

As your workers in Your vineyard:

may we be consolation and strength to others;

may we seek to listen and understand other perspectives;

may we love the whole of Your creation;

***For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.***

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart (MV 79)

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. R
2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R
3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology:** (506, verse 1 and 5)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for Thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, you provide for all our needs,
if we but put our trust in you.

*Help us to give with generosity this morning,
with gratitude for all your goodness,
and with trust in your faithfulness.*

We pray in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn: Amazing Grace (266)

* **Commissioning Prayer:**

* **Sung Response:** May the Grace of Christ (419)

Postlude