

Gathering Music

Praise Band

House of the Lord

I Lift My Hands

Ringing of the Bells

Dean Brown

\*Opening Song

Depth of Mercy

UMH 355

Centering Thought

Lilly Schlegel

Mercy is the ability to identify with and actually feel the physical, spiritual, and emotional pain or distress of others and to feel the absolute necessity to do something to relieve them. *Charles V. Bryant*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jo Ann

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Children’s Message: Ruth, Naomi and Boaz

“They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Ministry News

Jan Southard

Prayer of Dedication

God, in Jesus Christ, has given us much to be faithful for. Our tithes, gifts, and offerings may seem little in comparison to God’s gifts to us, but we are called to be faithful over all that we have: our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service. When we give of ourselves, we practice the spiritual discipline of stewardship. When we are faithful over a few things in this life, in the life to come we may be faithful over much, much more. May God bless us in our giving, that God’s kingdom may be here with us on earth.

Offering

\*Doxology

Scripture: Luke 16: 1-13

Cora Brown

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’”The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ““Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ““A thousand bushels<sup>[b]</sup> of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I

tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn of Preparation

There is a Balm in Gilead

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Message: The Gift of Mercy

Pastor Jo Ann

\*Song of Sending

Living Hope

\*Benediction

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Ministry News

Our noisy offering from last Sunday raised \$132 for our Feed My Sheep backpack program! Thank you to all who give so generously.

Following today's worship:

1. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
2. Preparation for our Potluck at noon. Please help as we supervise kids and set up tables and dishes. The Iglesia Nueva Visión guests will be arriving around Noon.

Our Wednesday 1pm study will resume **September 21st** with *12 More Women of the Bible*. Books are available from the office and are \$10.

Wednesday evening at 7 pm, Pastor Jo Ann will lead a second workshop on spiritual gifts in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete a spiritual gift inventory and join her to learn more about yourselves and your community.

Mark your calendars and plan to stay after worship on **September 25th** for our Ministry Fair. This will be a great time to learn more about the different ministries and committees in the church and ways you can get involved.

The United Methodist Churches in Clark County will meet with our district superintendent on Sunday, **October 2nd** in the afternoon at First UMC Vancouver.

We will also have our Blessing of the Animals at 2pm on **October 2nd**! We will gather in the backyard of the church and celebrate all the creatures that God gives us.

### A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jen Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard  
Mike Loring, John Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel  
Assistant: Dale Castle

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,  
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service  
a *joyous* experience.

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***Sunday Worship***  
**September 18, 2022**  
**10:00am**