

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader	Curt Holsopple
Music Leader	Jim Lehman
Prelude	Laurie Ahlgrim

GATHERING

Welcome	
Call to Worship	HWB 855
Hymn "I owe the Lord a Morning Song"	HWB 651
Hymn "Let the Whole Creation cry"	HWB 51

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Confessing/Reconciling Hymn	HWB 856
Children's Time	
Scripture	Luke 16:1-9
Sermon "The Parable That Makes No Sense"	Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
	<i>Silent Reflection</i>

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns	Ryan Ahlgrim
Pastoral Prayer	
Offering	
Offertory	Laurie Ahlgrim

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction

LUKE 16:1-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

16 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. ² 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.' ³ 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. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ 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.' ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.