



*the open door ~ praise & worship service  
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

09.21.16 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

## **prayer of invocation**

**song** "Wash Over Me"

**scripture reading** "Luke 16:1-13" (NRSV)

*The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> 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<sup>[b]</sup> so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.<sup>[c]</sup>

<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,<sup>[d]</sup> 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."<sup>[e]</sup>

**Footnotes:**

a. Luke 16:1 Gk *he*

b. Luke 16:9 Gk *mammon*

c. Luke 16:9 Gk *tents*

d. Luke 16:11 Gk *mammon*

e. Luke 16:13 Gk *mammon*

The restoring Word of God to the wise people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**children's moment**

"Honesty"

**reflection**

"Biblical Economy"

**prayers of the people**

**song**

"Amazing Love"

**presentation of the offerings**

**song**

"You are the One"

**dance party with Jesus**

"I'm Trading My Sorrows"

**benediction & passing the peace**