

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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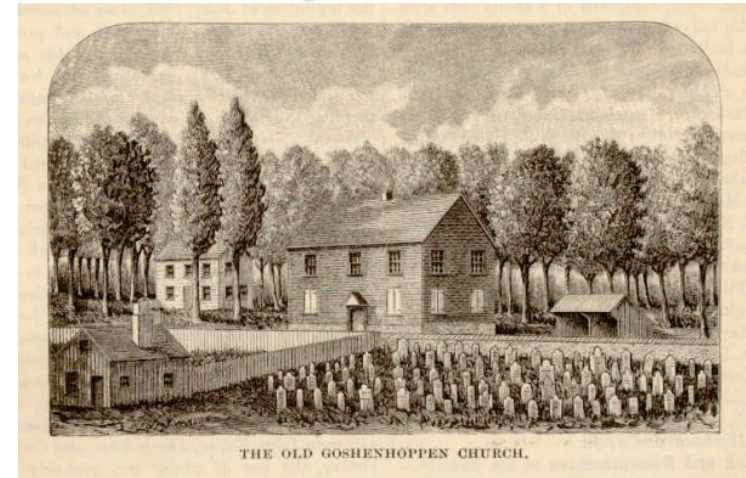
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We stick ourselves in the middle of our world, and we make life all about us. And often without knowing it, we want God to finance what we think will bring us pleasure, comfort, and happiness. When God seems to finance our pleasures, we praise him, and when he doesn’t, we tend to question his goodness and back away from pursuit of him. - Paul Tripp

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PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 123:1 (ESV)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

***HYMN #68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***INVOCATION**

STATEMENT OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG WEEK #33

Old Goshenhoppen’s



PASTORAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER
The LORD'S PRAYER

The Covenant Baptism of Sophie

Daughter of Derek Brym and Anna Landis
Granddaughter to Greg Landis and Kathy Kirk



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

Closing Prayer offered by Greg Landis

***HYMN #680 – Borning Cry**

*While there will be no offering during worship,
you may give tithes & offerings in the back of the church
or support the ministry of Old Goshenhoppen online at ogrc.org*

SERMON – Taking Stock of Our Investments
Matthew 25:14-30



OUR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

OUR CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

O God, you place within our hearts a desire to see the future and to move toward it. And yet we sometimes find ourselves slow to respond to your invitations; hesitant to hear your callings; fearful of required changes; stuck in addictive patterns of living.

Give us renewed eagerness to live in hope and to follow in your steps, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 126:1-3 (ESV)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

RESPONSE TO HIS PARDON - Hymn #270 – “O How He Loves You and me”

***HYMN #598 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

***BENEDICTION (A final good word from God)**

***CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN #717 – Go Now in Peace - v1**

Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart. Your gifts to us no words can toll: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

POSTLUDE