

Theme: YOUR FAITH AND YOUR FINANCES—“Managing Your Life Resources” (Part 3)

Text: 1 Chronicles 29:1-10

Rev. Dominic Tommy

Introduction

**1. David’s Gift for the Building of the Temple: (vs. 1-5)**

This sounds like Paul's "gold, silver, and precious stones" (1 Cor. 3:12). Note the leaders gave their offering “willingly and "rejoiced with great joy" at the privilege!

This time we're reminded of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and 9:7.

**2. Magnificent prayer of David (vs. 29:10-21).**

Notice the “praise and adoration to the Lord in the Prayer (vs. 10-14).

**3. Joyful celebration in the Assembly of the Lord (1 Chron. 29:21-25)**

Notice in the text “fellowship offerings, and fellowship meal.

**4. Legacy of David is Preserved**

From that day on, the Jewish kings were all measured against David; see (1 Kings 3:3; 15:4-5.

Would this be our Prayer today?

**O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.**

**I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.**

(1 Chronicles 29:16-17

Welcome to



Central Church

**Our Mission**

***Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.***

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# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Worship Celebration Service

November 26, 2017

Last Sunday after Pentecost

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### GATHERING

*Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.  
Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

NOISY OFFERING *Today's Noisy Offering is designated for Habitat for Humanity of Ionia County.*

INTROIT "Sanctuary" TFWS 2164

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 103:1-6 (ESV)<sup>1</sup>

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, forget not all his benefits and the healing of our diseases.**

Bless the Lord who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**Bless the Lord, who satisfies us with good things, and inwardly renewed our strength like the eagles.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal 140  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**Holy One, Creator and Giver of all things, we stand before you with grateful hearts—grateful for all the gifts you give to all your people. Open our hearts, minds, and hands to your purpose. We are thankful for all the ways we may do your work, for all opportunities to grow, learn, and care about your world. It is even a gift to be concerned about the best way to use our time, energy, and finances. We have so much. We pray that you will walk with us as we explore the reason we are meant to live out our Christian faith through generosity. In the name of the risen one, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Prayer of Gratitude" Chancel Choir  
*Mary McDonald*

### SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

### And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying, "Peace be with you" and your neighbor says "And also with you")

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery downstairs after the *Children's Moment*.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION Del Kostanko, Board of Trustees

**INGATHERING OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES, OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES**  
(Please be seated; as ushers receive pledges and your regular offerings, a song "Blest are They" is played. Right after the song, all will stand for Doxology, and will be followed with prayer over our pledges and offerings. At the time of prayer, hold your neighbor's hand—a sign of unity and commitment for our missions here at Central United Methodist Church.)

\*DOXOLOGY Prayer Over Pledges (be seated) On screen

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand for the reading of God's word, as you are able.*

\*SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 29:1-10 Pew Bible NT#173

SERMON: "YOUR FAITH AND YOUR FINANCES" Rev. Dominic Tommy  
*"Managing Your Life and Resources" (Part III)*

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, You Have to the Lakeshore" vs 1,2,3 Hymnal 344

### \*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Bind Us Together (*Bob Gillman*) TFWS 2226

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together,  
Bind us together with love.*

*There is only one God,  
There is only one King;  
There is only one Body,  
That is why we sing:*

### POSTLUDE

*\* Please stand in spirit or in body.*

The date has been set for "Dinners for Eight" for **next Sunday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m.** We have four hosts/hostesses who will open their homes and provide the meat and potatoes. Those of you who have signed up as guests will be contacted by a host/hostess to coordinate food. There is still room available if you would like to be a guest at the dinner. See Andrea Gentner (616-374-7126).

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We would like to have **nursery care** available for families with young children for the Christmas Eve service. If this is something that you would be willing to help with, please contact Penny Thelen (616-374-8255) or the church office.

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If you are not currently using **weekly offering envelopes** but would like to do so, please contact Dawn Deardorff or the Church Office. If you are interested in signing up for On-line giving through our website, or setting up an automatic reoccurring payment through your bank, you can also check with us for more information or if you have questions.

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All are invited to the annual **Christmas Concert of Bells 'n Brass**, to be held at the Pleasant Valley United Brethren Church (13120 Bell Road), on Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 pm. The music will be Christ-centered; refreshments available. Wheelchair accessible.

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UMW Breakfast will be on Thursday, December 7, at 9 a.m. at Andrea Gentner's home (545 Eagle Point Road). Please make reservations with Virginia Decker (616-374-8080). Spouses are invited as well.

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I would like to THANK everyone that filled a Samaritan Christmas Box. We filled 30 boxes this year. Thirty children somewhere in the world will be excited to receive a box filled with needs and treasures. Thank you! ~~~Dodie

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MINISTER: Every Member of This Church  
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy  
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker  
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke  
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo  
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela  
TODAY'S SERVICE:

**Worship Assistant**

Von Goodemoot

**Audio/Visual**

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser  
Next Sunday: Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft

**Coffee Fellowship**

Today: Dominic & Comfort Tommy/Marilyn Noffke/Dodie Denman  
Next Sunday: Thelma Curtis / Dodie Denman / Betty Shetterly

**Greeters**

Today: Sam Kostanko / John Catt /  
Next Sunday: Brenda Steele / Dale Mossburg / Karen Avery

**Nursery**

Today: Judy Freidhoff / Terri Catt  
Next Sunday: Andrea Gentner / Shelly Reiser

**Ushers**

Today: Sam McNeill / George McNeill  
Next Sunday: Dave Faulkner / Tony Barcroft

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**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call  
Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell  
(269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda Rogers Atticus	Duane Deardorff Linda Rogers	Unspokens Sue Calkins
<b><u>Continued in Prayer</u></b>		
Sgt. Branden Curtis Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston PFC Steven Wakley, Jr 1SG Nicholas Ludema PFC Jason Hilley Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Brian Rayner Kim Seese	Karl Klynstra Toni Robinson Dale Patterson Phylis Armstrong Pam Coleman Terena Galaviz Travis Tucker and family Patti Coorman	Gary Smith Ed Hilliker Hank Minenna Susan Steele Sharon Brink Ross McDowell Judi Brandon Armrose LaBine
<b><u>Our Special Friends</u></b>		
Leah Abbott Lois Goodemoot Ed Reiser	Margot Bailey Joanne McDaniels Helen Miller	Ada Dennie Phil Shetterly Toni Robinson

**Our Partners In Ministry**

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Gunnisonville United Methodist Church, Bath  
Woodgrove Brethren-Christian Parish, Hastings

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

11/26 Fran Morris Lydia Cobb Mackenzie Thelen	11/29 Del Kostanko Pastor Dominic Tommy	12/02 Phylis Armstrong
11/27 Marilyn Noffke		

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you have forgotten or misplaced your Stewardship Pledge Card, additional cards are available on ushers' tables.*

*Today's Noisy Offering is designated for Habitat for Humanity of Ionia County.*

*Today is also United Methodist Student Day. Your gifts help students continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has planned for them.*

**EVENTS**

Today	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b> – following coffee hour	
Mon 11/27	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 11/28	<b>Education Committee</b> – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 11/29	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 11/30	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 12/1	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 12/3	Sunday School – classrooms Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30-10:15 am 10:30 am
	<b>Dinners for 8</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Mon 12/4	<b>Endowment/Memorial/Planned Giving Committee</b> – Front Room A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	6 pm 7 pm
Tues 12/5	<b>Fresh Food Distribution</b> – Back parking lot <b>Christmas Baskets Prep</b> – Fellowship Hall	2 pm 7-9 pm
Wed 12/6	<b>Christmas Baskets Prep</b> – Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary	9 am – 2:30 pm 7 pm
Thu 12/7	<b>UMW Breakfast</b> – Andrea Gentner's home <b>Christmas Baskets Prep</b> – Fellowship Hall <i>No Respite Care or Souper Thursday Community Dinner</i>	9 am 9 am – 2:30 pm
Fri 12/8	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i> <b>Christmas Baskets Prep</b> – Fellowship Hall	9 am – 2:30 pm
Sat 12/9	<b>Christmas Baskets Delivery</b>	9 am – 12 pm

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

Invite your family and friends to this beautiful service  
of story and song.