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STEWARDSHIP SERIES- "FIRST THINGS FIRST: THE COMPETITION"

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139:1-6

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

✠ UMH No.61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

1. Come Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise, Father all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days
2. Come Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend, Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, On us descend
3. Come Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear, In this glad hour, Thou who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r
4. To Thee great One in Three, Eternal praises be, Hence evermore, Thy sov'reign majesty, May we in glory see, And to eternity, Love and adore

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER *Following each petition, please respond:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY UMH No.576 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

1. Rise up O men of God, Have done with lesser things, Give heart and soul, And mind and strength, To serve the King of kings
2. Rise up O men of God, The kingdom tarries long, Bring in the day of brotherhood, And end the night of wrong
3. Rise up O men of God, The church for you doth wait, Her strength unequal to her task, Rise up and make her great
4. Lift high the cross of Christ, Tread where His feet have trod, As brothers of the Son of Man, Rise up O men of God

✠ DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 6:25-33 ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2 Kings 17:35-41 ³⁵The Lord had made a covenant with them and commanded them, “You shall not worship other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them, ³⁶but you shall worship the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm; you shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice. ³⁷The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to observe. You shall not worship other gods; ³⁸you shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not worship other gods, ³⁹but you shall worship the Lord your God; he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.” ⁴⁰They would not listen, however, but they continued to practice their former custom. ⁴¹So these nations worshiped the Lord, but also served their carved images; to this day their children and their children’s children continue to do as their ancestors did.

SERMON

“First Things First: The Competition”

Rev. Dane Womack

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

UMH No.399 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

1. Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move, At the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be, Swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be, Filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use, Every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for thee.

✠ BENEDICTION | POSTLUDE