



Church for the Highlands
Morning Worship
Sunday, November 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome		
Opportunities		
Call to Worship		
Hymn No. 1	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	
Silent Recognition of God’s Presence		
Greeting of One Another		
Hymn No. 645	“Faith of Our Fathers”	
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
Taize Response No. 644	“Wait for the Lord” <i>Sing Twice</i>	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:14-30	
Message	“Avail-Ability”	John Henson
Musical Reflection		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	“Be Thou My Vision” Dan Gibbs, Piano	arr. Dalton
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	<i>Old 100th</i>
Veterans’ Recognition	A Litany for Veterans	<i>(See reverse side)</i>
Hymn of Response No. 697	“This Is My Song”	
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,¹ you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved,² are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents,¹ to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

A Litany for Veterans

- Leader:** Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.
For all the wonder of our country's story:
- People:** **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:** For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:
- People:** **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:** For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:
- People:** **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:** For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:
- People:** **We give you thanks, O God.**

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This Week's Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

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| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | LOL/Ladies Night Out |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm | Supper/Casseroles/Common Prayer |
| Friday | 6:00 pm | Highland Community Renewal Dinner/Gym |
| Sunday | 5:00 pm | Veterans' Home Graduation Recognition |
| | 6:00 pm | CFTHThanksgiving Feast/HC Gym |



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