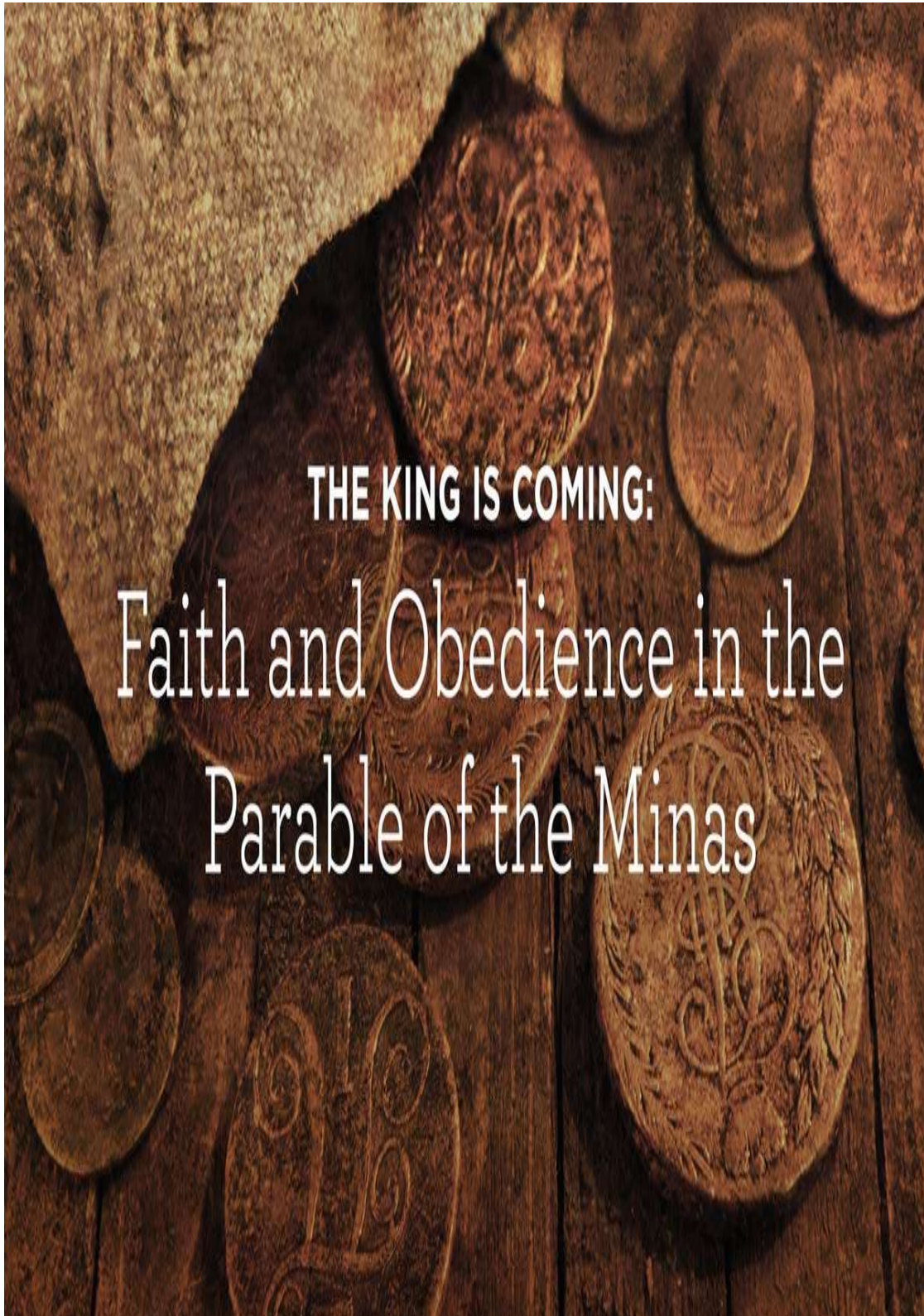


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

October 9, 2022



THE KING IS COMING:

Faith and Obedience in the
Parable of the Minas

Thought for Meditation:

The parable of the Minas (talents / pounds) paints a picture of a scene full of promise. To each servant something is given. What they do with what they have been given is up to them, but the expectation is that they will make the most of it... All things are given for the benefit of God's kingdom.

Clayton J. Schmit

Prelude

Siyahamba

Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Marshall

Call To Worship

Philippians 2:8-10

Michael Cochenour

L: Jesus humbled himself and died on the cross.

P: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place,

L: God gave to Jesus the name that is above every name.

P: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow!

L: Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

P: To the glory of God the Father!

L: Let us join our voices to praise the wonderful name of Jesus.

*** Hymn of Praise**

Ye Servants of God

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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.

Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In the waters of baptism we have died with Christ.

P: With Christ we have been raised to new life.

L: In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving.

P: Thanks be to God.

ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Glory Be To The Father**

#813

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. Amen.

Children's Time		Elsie Deem
Anthem	We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Luke 19:11-27 (page 912)	
Sermon	We Didn't See That Coming!	
* Hymn of Response	O Jesus, I Have Promised	#676
*Affirmation of Faith	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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		
Call for Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	As the Deer	Wagner
* Doxology		#815
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
* Prayer of Dedication		
* Hymn of Dedication	Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated (v1-4)	#597
* Charge and Benediction		
* Congregational Response	Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated (v5)	#597
* Postlude	La Rejouissance (Rejoicing)	Handel

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church.

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Elsie Deem will be your greeter today. Due to the Town Hall meeting, there will be no Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today.



Town Hall Meeting

Immediately after worship today, the session invites you to stay after worship for a Town Hall Meeting, to hear a report on our church, especially caring for the property and facilities, which will have significant financial impact on the budget. Please stick around so that you know what is happening and how we as a church can and are responding to this situation.



The **SPAGHETTI DINNER** is Saturday, 10/22 from 4-7 pm. Cost is \$10/adult and \$7/child. Take-out is available. Advance tickets with a \$1 discount will be sold on Sundays after worship in Cana Hall on 10/9, and 10/16. They will also be available in the church office during daytime hours (Monday -Thursday 9am – 2pm). If you would like to donate an already-assembled gift basket or new items to include in a gift basket, these may be dropped off in the basket room downstairs by Sunday, October 16.



The Fellowship and Nurture Committee will be hosting a New Members Class on Sunday, November 6th following worship. Those interested in learning about membership should contact the church office (724-339-9661). Lunch will be provided.

TODAY'S MUSIC: . **Siyahamba** is a Zulu song also known by its English title - "We Are Marching (or Walking) in the light of God." In 1978, the Swedish choral group *Fjedur* toured South Africa at the invitation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa. During this tour *Fjedur's* musical director, Anders Nyberg, heard and recorded "Siyahamba" at a girls' school in Appelsbosch, Natal. In 1984, Nyberg arranged it for a four-voice setting and published it in a songbook and recording called *Freedom is Coming: Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa*. In 1994, it began to appear in hymnals, and continues to be a popular song in both sacred and secular programs.

The choir presents an arrangement by Hal Hopson. In addition to the Zulu song, Hopson has added four verses based on Psalm 27. The congregation is invited to join in. We will sing it 3 times, in English, in Zulu, then again in English, with Hopson's verses added after the refrain.

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We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Zulu Text to "Siyahamba"
Free paraphrase of Zulu text in English
and additional text by HAL H. HOPSON
Verses based on Psalm 27:1-4

Based on the South African Freedom Song
SIYAHAMBA
Arranged by HAL H. HOPSON

REFRAIN

(S. A. T. B. or unison voices)
S. A.

The musical score is written for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.) voices. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes the Zulu text 'See yah hahm' and the English text 'We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are sing - ing, for the' and 'hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. See yah hahm buh koo kah'. The third system concludes with 'Lord is our light, we are sing - ing for the Lord is our light.' and 'nigh nee kwen kohs, See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.'.

REFRAIN (Choir only)

This Week's Calendar

October 9 -15

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Fellowship & Nurture Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Town Hall Meeting	11:00am
	PNC Meeting	1:30pm
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Columbus Day	
	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	6:45pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Christian Ed Meeting	3:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
	CS Pack Meeting & Halloween Party	7:00pm
Thursday	CE Committee Meeting	3:00pm

Looking Ahead

October 16 -22

October 16	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Deacons Meeting	11:00am
	PNC Meeting	1:30pm
	Youth Group	6:00pm
October 18	Bible Study	1:00pm
October 19	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Finance Meeting	6:30pm
	Worship Meeting	6:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
October 20	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm
October 22	Spaghetti Dinner	4-7pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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