



A place where heaven and earth meet,
where people encounter God's generosity
and healing presence.

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Greta Coyl

Leader:
Guard yourselves from all kinds of greed,
for life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

People:
We come seeking the riches that last—
wisdom, grace, and the love of God.

Leader:
The one who stores up treasure for self is not rich toward God.

People:
We turn our hearts to heaven,
trusting in the One who gives life in abundance.

All:
Let us worship the God who provides,
who calls us to live with open hands and generous hearts.

HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING - Greta Coyl

Luke 12:13-21 - Be rich toward God, your treasure

12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

12:14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

12:15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

12:16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

12:17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

12:18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

12:19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

12:20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

12:21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

HYMN

SERMON "Winds of Heaven, Stuff of Earth"

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PASTORAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION

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Rich Toward God

In Luke 12:13–21, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man whose land produced a great harvest. Instead of using his abundance to bless others, the man hoards it, saying to himself, *“Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”* But God calls him a fool, for his life is demanded of him that very night. Jesus ends the parable with this piercing truth: *“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

Rich Mullins lived in sharp contrast to this parable. Despite his success as a songwriter—penning classics like *“Awesome God”*—he chose simplicity. He gave most of his income away, reportedly asking his accountant to give him only the average salary of a working man. Rich didn’t chase barns or build bigger ones; he chased after God, barefoot and broken, with a heart wide open.

Mullins’ lyrics echoed a yearning to be rich toward God: *“I’d rather fight you for something I don’t really want than take what you give that I need.”* He understood the soul’s stubborn resistance to grace, and yet he kept coming back to the One who gives freely.

This parable—and Mullins’ life—ask us: Are we rich in what matters to God? Or are we building bigger barns of comfort, security, or reputation? The invitation is not to shame, but to freedom. The kind of freedom Rich sang about: wild, untamed, deeply surrendered.

May we live with open hands, storing our treasures in heaven, and becoming rich—gloriously, eternally rich—toward God.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, August 04, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1;

Tuesday, August 05, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6;

Wednesday, August 06, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31;

Thursday, August 07, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9;

Friday, August 08, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8;

Saturday, August 09, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23; Matthew 6:19-24;