

Eighth Sunday
after
Pentecost
August 3, 2025

The Parable
of the Rich
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

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*The Mission of Choptank United Methodist Charge is
to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.*

Spedden UMC 881 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 8:45 am	Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am	Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am
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**Choptank
Charge**

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

³ **and gathered in from the lands,**
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴ **Some wandered in desert wastes,**
finding no way to an inhabited town;

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;

⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

⁹ **For he satisfies the thirsty,**
and the hungry he fills with good things.

SING A HYMN: (Church Choice—1st and last verse)

*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

We do not want to be fools, God! Make us wise before our lives are demanded from us! Change our hearts to want the things you want, to love in the way you love, to give the way you give. Grant us wisdom by your Holy Spirit to discern how to honor you with our wealth. Guide our actions so that at the end of today, we will be wealthier people than we are right now - wealthier toward you, even if poorer in this life.

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

SING A HYMN: "One Bread, One Body"(UMH #620) (CCLI 20203297)

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more *Refrain*

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord if all. *Refrain*

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown; gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:13-21

SING A HYMN: (Church Choice— 1st and last verse)

READ OR LISTEN: The Parable of the Rich Fool.....(See Insert)

HOLY COMMUNION: Foolishness..... (See Insert)

***OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (#95)

Generous God, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them. All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that he carried—moving toward what waited in the Holy City. We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

BENEDICTION: (*Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.*)

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Have you ever needed God to intervene in an inheritance dispute? What happened?

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Talk with your family about how money /goods are to be disbursed after your death. Be sure that your wishes are clarified legally in writing.

Thanks for your continuing support. Your help is needed to keep our bills paid in full and on time.

Please mail your check to your financial secretary, OR place your gift in the plate.

Antioch: Becky Wilson 5215 Wilson Road Cambridge 21613

Beckwith: Eleanor Wheatley 9 Shawnee Road Cambridge 21613

Spedden: Mary Benjamin 779 Cook Point Road Cambridge 21613

You may wish to make a missions gift to any of these organizations:

Cold Weather Shelter. Valerie Davis, Delmarva Community Services, 2450 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge, MD 21613

Everstand (United Methodist Board of Child Care) 27993 Substation Road, Denton, MD 21629

MidShore Meals til Monday PO Box 1193 Cambridge, MD 21613

Overflow Café Ministries, 400 Muir Street, Cambridge, MD 21613

Pastor's Discretionary Fund—for use by all Choptank Charge members and friends; mail to

Spedden UMC Treasurer: 881 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613

To start a prayer chain, please call one of the following:

•Pastor Nan—443-225-67420—Spedden

•Susan Long— 410-228-5586—Beckwith

Shelly Willey —410-330-0309—Antioch

*Psalm 107:1-9 (today's lectionary psalm)

**<https://www.mrnet.org/prayer-blog/2022/04>

***<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/gathered-up-in-jesus/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-offertory-prayer>

****Proverbs 3:9-10