

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 20
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus challenges our assumptions about fairness and reminds us that God’s grace is not earned or measured by human standards. As we gather for worship, may we set aside comparison and envy, giving thanks for the generosity of a God whose mercy is freely given to all.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name

***Opening Hymn # 98** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *NETTLETON*

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # “Your Grace Is Enough” **Worship Team**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 20:1-16

***Responsorial #** “Way Maker” **Worship Team**

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Kids Preschool–3rd Grade go to Children’s Church)

Announcements, Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer: OUR FATHER, who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but

deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – The Apostle Paul of Tarsus wrote: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory and *Doxology

A Prayer of Illumination: O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Message

“Grace is Not Fair, but God is Good”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

“I can give myself grace even if I still have room to grow.”
By Jelilat Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) # 163** “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” *WONDERFUL GRACE*

*Spoken Benediction

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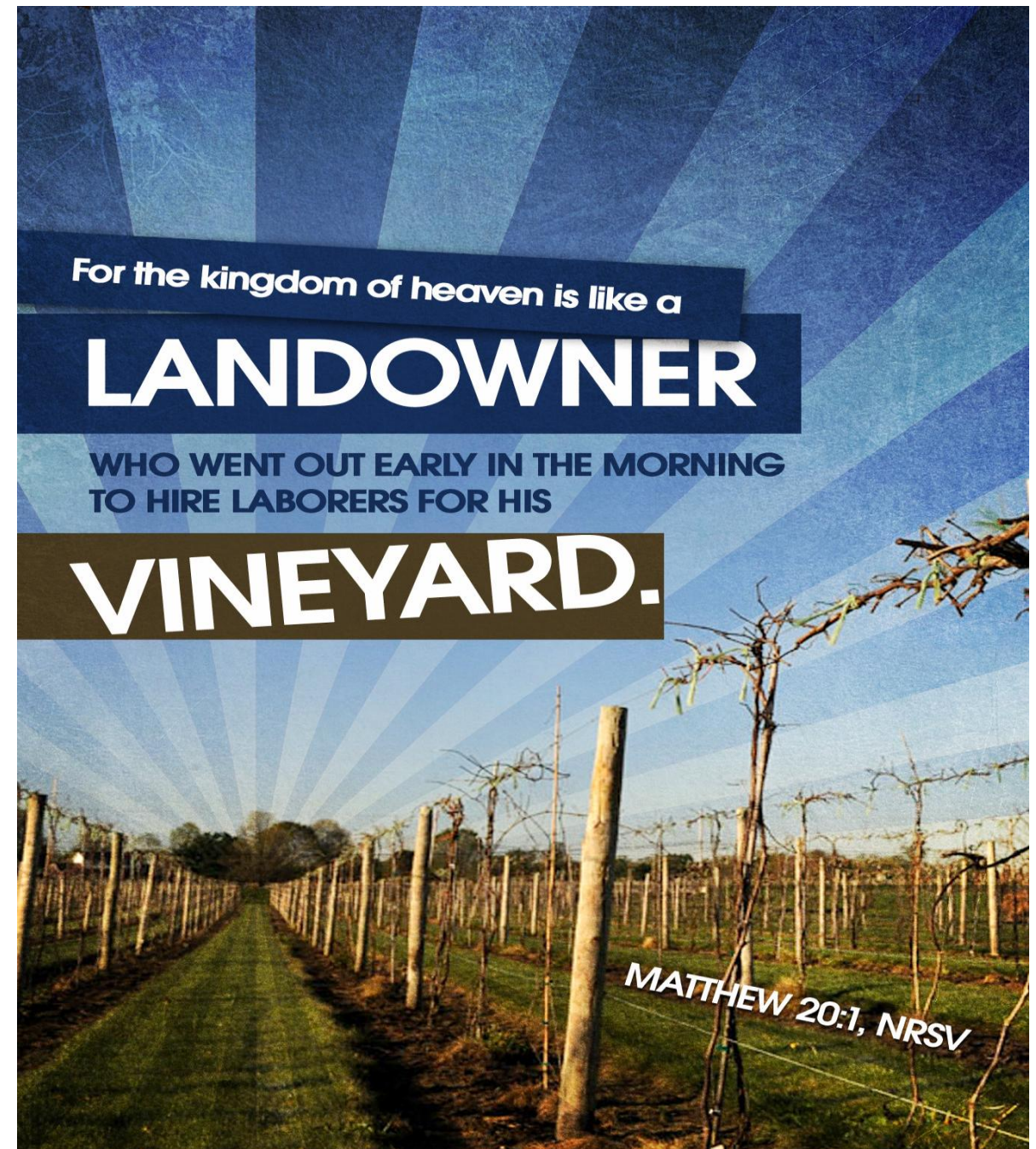
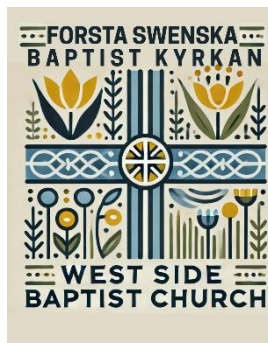
TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God, and we love People, by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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