

Granger United Methodist Church
Order of Worship: January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
(CCLI #20349450)

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Conversation: Rev. Bruce

Scripture Focus: Matthew 6:19-7:5

Hymn: "God Will Take Care of You"

The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), p. 130, vs. 1,2

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

Refrain

Prayer Concerns:

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| Walter & Dorothy Starcher | Sebastian Kunkler | Harold Simmons | Val Ewing |
| Josh Ewing | Jeff Parker | Millie Haddix | Bernie Arnold |
| George Rodgers | Carolyn Cernik | Lenora Coddling | Anthony Casedonte |
| Andy deMeza | Took Manivong | Carolyn | Eric Von Gunten |
| Pat Loomis | | | |

May God rest a healing hand upon those who have been named.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Thoughts Along the Way:

Rev. Bruce Hartley

"Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven: Treasure Hunting"

Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit,

Guide us and strengthen us to seek first the kingdom of heaven and God's righteousness so that we may receive from God's hands all true treasure as well, for the sake of Jesus our Teacher and Lord. Amen.

God loved and so he gave. We love God and so we give—gifts can be given online or sent to the church office. Thank you for your support to the mission and ministry of Granger UMC.

Go Forth

Postlude

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Sermon Notes – January 31, 2021
Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven: Treasure Hunting
Matthew 6:19-7:5

Whose expectations are you most likely to follow?

If you have an experience with Dave Ramsey and “knowing your why”, contact me at pastor@grangerumc.org

If you are a graduate of FPU, let me know how you are working the plan.

Reflect on the relationship you have developed with:

Wealth

Treasure

Stuff

Who taught you about these?

How has your relationship with these affected your relationship with God?

What does it mean to you to “store up your treasures in heaven”?

If you don’t get anything else out of this message, I want you to write down two statements. These are two things you should never, ever worry about.

1. Never worry about things you can change. Now that makes sense. If you are worried about something you can change, instead of worrying about it, change it.

2. Never worry about things you can’t change. That makes sense. Worrying is not going to change anything you can’t change and if you can’t change it why worry about it?

What is the most important thing you worried about in the past week?

The least important thing?

What helps you feel less anxious when you feel worried?

Sit down and take out a sheet of paper.

Write down the top 3-5 things you are worried about.

Then, surrender every one of them to Jesus.

Shift your focus.

Change your priorities and be obsessed with God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness and let God worry about everything else.

“Strive” means to exert a lot of energy and effort