



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

*Stories with Intent*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Call to Worship

Songs

Stand up and Bless the Lord – #6

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim – #8

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Song

1 Timothy 1:15a

Praise God from Whom All Blessings – #556

Offertory

The Question

Prayers of the People

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Song

Old Testament

Speak O Lord

Isaiah 25:6-9 – Barry Sandin

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

**Am I Missing the Invitation to the Banquet?**

Luke 14:15-24

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

Song

Benediction

Postlude

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

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Am I Missing the Invitation to the Banquet?  
Luke 14:15-24

**Question:** Who will be at the banquet to end all banquets? (Is. 25)

**I. The Introduction: The Statement that Prompts the Parable (vs. 15)**

~ "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom"

**II. Scene One: The Invitation to the Banquet (vs. 16-17)**

~ "Come for everything is now ready"

**III. Scene Two: The Unexpected Turn - Ridiculous Excuses (vs. 18-20)**

~ "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them"

**IV. Scene Three: The Unexpected Invitation to the Outsiders (vs. 21-24)**

~ "bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame"

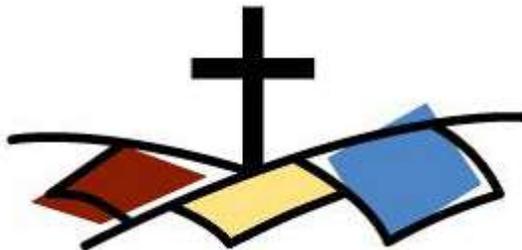
**Answer:** Not those we might normally think. Indeed, it is only those who respond to the master's invitation. Have you?

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**Points to Ponder:** Grace is unbelievable! This means that our invitation must convince those who think themselves undeserving. How does our witness better fit this description? How can we speak to those who especially feel they are undeserving?

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Luke 14:25-35** 'Am I Missing the Cost of Following Jesus?'



## **Stand Up and Bless the Lord**

Stand up and bless the Lord  
Ye people of His choice  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God  
With heart and soul and voice

Though high above all praise  
Above all blessing high  
Who would not fear His holy name  
And laud and magnify

God is our strength and song  
And His salvation ours  
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed pow'rs

Stand up and bless the Lord  
The Lord your God adore  
Stand up and bless His glorious name  
Henceforth forevermore

Words by James Montgomery, 1824  
Music by Aaron Williams, 1763

## **Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

Ye servants of God, Your Master proclaim  
And publish abroad His wonderful name  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol  
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all  
God ruleth on high, almighty to save  
And still he is nigh – His presence we have  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King

Salvation to God who sits on the throne  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim  
Fall down on their faces  
And worship the Lamb

Then let us adore and give Him His right  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might  
All honor and blessing with angels above  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love  
Amen

Words by Charles Wesley, 1744  
Music by William Croft, 1708

## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15a

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

## **Praise God from Whom All Blessings**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

Words: *Doxology* by Thomas Ken, 1709  
Music: *Old Hundredth* from Genevan Psalter, 1551

## Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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## Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy  
Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven  
The humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ  
May shine through us

King of heaven, we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion  
Filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him

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