Year C; Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts
- Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
- 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 91)*

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadows of the almighty,
All: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
One: For he delivers us from the snare of the hunter and from deadly pestilence;
All: he covers us with his wings and under his wings we find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
One: We fear not the terror of night
All: nor the violence and destruction of day.
One: Those who love him,
All: he will deliver;
One: he protects those who know his name.
All: When they call to him, he will answer them;
One: he will be with them in trouble,
All: he will rescue and honor them.
One: With long life he will satisfy them,
All: and show them his salvation. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from 1 Timothy 6)*

Our culture encourages us to gain wealth without limit. Paul, though, writes that those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. Let us confess when we have not been content with what is sufficient for life.

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Corporate Prayer of Confession *(from 1 Timothy 6)*
Loving God, you command us to shun eagerness to be rich. The Apostle Paul notes that such desires have plunged people into ruin and destruction. It has caused some to wander from the faith and caused them many pains. We, likewise, can be eager to accumulate great wealth. Transform us to be people of God pursuing righteous, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Forgive our focus upon wealth above our love for you and neighbor. We pray this in the name of the one who, though, he was in the form of God, emptied himself and humbled himself for our benefit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from 1 Timothy 6)*
May you fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and to which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. Jesus is worthy for he came in human form and experienced what we experience, though, without sinning. He died that we might have forgiveness. He is arisen that we might know the reality of eternal life. Receive his forgiveness and be at peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication *(from 1 Timothy 6)*
Gracious God, you command us to set our hopes not on the uncertainty of riches but rather on you who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. You have created a rich and diverse world in which we can live abundantly. You continue to sustain us through that creation. You have redeemed us despite our sinfulness. We give these offerings as a portion of what you have given us that your kingdom might grow day by day. We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

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