

**"SIGNS OF LOVE .... BEARING FRUIT!"**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2020 – INDOOR WORSHIP**  
**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**ISAIAH 5:1-7; PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14; MATTHEW 21:33-46**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**How do you best bear fruit? How do you make a difference, by God's grace, to honor all the Landowner has entrusted to you? Have you ever been honored to care for something really important? What was it? How did that feel, to have someone give you something important to care for that they one day wanted back? When we honor someone by caring for something important that belongs to them; this can feel amazing and freeing. Sure we like it when people honor us. We like when the things we own are taken care of by others; and yet, perhaps we struggle with doing likewise. Today in our reading from Matthew, the landowner has entrusted tenants to bear fruit, to care for what has been leased to them and put into their care. Today as the people of God at Lord of Life, we begin a new journey to see the "signs of love" the landowner has leased to us; all the landowner has entrusted to us, put into our care, to bear fruit. Like some of the tenants, it is easy to think it belongs to us. May now be God's time for us to trust all entrusted to us, to trust we are entrusted to bear fruit thanks to God's faithfulness. May we forever love, because God first loved us. Indeed the landowner has entrusted us with countless signs of love, and by grace alone, we will be faithful!**

1. For us to be a sign of love, to bear fruit, to honor someone, to care for something of great value for someone else; to care for what is in our care; for us to love The Lord with all our heart and our neighbor as our self may not always be easy. Living in grace requires humility, to honor what has been given to us, to trust we are entrusted, by the Landowner! Philippians 3:4b-8; Matthew 21:33-41, 46
  - A. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor self.
  - B. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor security.
  - C. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor safety.
  
2. With God's help, by the grace of the Landowner, now is the time for us to be a sign of love, to bear fruit, to trust we have been entrusted with so many signs of love, to proclaim now is the time to honor Who entrusted us with all good things, to love the Lord and our neighbor as our self. Indeed, now is the time to faithfully bear fruit, to honor the Landowner! Philippians 3:9-10; Matthew 21:41-43

- A. The Landowner blesses us and surrounds us with faithful tenants to help us each become signs of love, faithful tenants.
  - B. The Landowner believes in us, trusts us, entrusts us, bears fruit within us, by putting priceless signs of love in our care.
3. As we press on, the Lord reveals again the vineyard before us. Let this be God's time to bear fruit within us once again, to entrust to us signs of love, to trust we best honor the Landowner as we faithfully believe and celebrate.  
Philippians 3:12-13; Matthew 21:33,41-43
- A. We love the Lord and our neighbor as our self, trusting God first loved us! We bear fruit, we care for and serve and honor all in our care, trusting God first saved us! God alone is The Sign of love; we are His treasured signs of love!
  - B. May we trust by God's grace, our God continues to bear fruit within us, signs of true love, trusting The Holy Spirit will keep us faithful tenants and help us make God first now, for The Landowner has chosen each of us, bearing fruit in us, believing in us first! Philippians 3:12-13; Matthew 21:33,41-43