

St. Matthew 20:1-16

NLT

Parable of the Vineyard Workers

20 “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

³ “At nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. ⁴ So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. ⁵ So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o’clock he did the same thing.

⁶ “At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’

⁷ “They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’

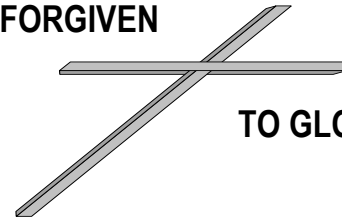
“The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’

⁸ “That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. ⁹ When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. ¹⁰ When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. ¹¹ When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, ¹² ‘Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.’

¹³ “He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair! Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? ¹⁴ Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. ¹⁵ Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?’

¹⁶ “So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.”

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Sunday 20th September 2026 10:30 am

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for
Living our best Christ Life!**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “In Your Time” **SB #63**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

Praise: “Down in my heart” **SB #21**

Celebrating the Truth of God’s Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Matthew 20:1-16 NLT

Message: “But it’s just not fair!”

Celebrating the Truth of God’s gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “God my Father loving me” vs 3, 4 **BP #359**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Amazing grace” **BP #403**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “My Peace” **SB #42**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – Doon Village Retirement Home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Dee Lamothe – Winston Park LTC

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Rose Vanderkruk – at home

Events This Week: 20th – 27th September 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service

Monday: 3:15 – 6 pm – Music Therapy

7 pm – Elders’ meeting in the Gray Hall

Tuesday: 9:30 am - Bible Study prep learning time in the McLean Fireside room

3:30 – 8 pm – Music Therapy

6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall

Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week

Friday: 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy

Saturday: 10 am – 12 pm – WOW in the Gray Hall

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, cake, & conversation in the Gray Hall.

Please keep Janis Kenzie and her family in your prayers for the Lord to comfort them with His peace as they grieve Bob's death this past week.
And please keep Jo Anne & John Aitken in your prayers for the Lord's peace to comfort them as they grieve the death of Jo Anne's brother.

Sunday School Fall 2026:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: September 13 & 27; October 11 & 25; November 08 & 22; December 6.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca). We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Graham, and Nicolene

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

KEPC SENIORS will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 12 noon in the Gray Hall for a pizza lunch and planning session for the 26/27 season. This will be a chance to reunite socially, contribute to the activities for the group and enjoy a pizza lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please let your callers know if you are planning to attend. If you wish more information, please speak to Pat Cluthé or Julie Murray.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Bible Study group will be gathering on Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 am, both online and in person. The on-line study will be facilitated by Fiona and William Hewitt and the in-person one at KEPC Fireside Room by Julie Murray. The first topic for the 26/27 season will be Praying the Psalms. Study books will be provided at a cost of \$20 each. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

There will be an extra get together on Tuesday, September 22 for those interested in learning how to study Bible passages through the process of hermeneutics. Let Julie know if you are interested in this class.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Financial Update: August 2026

We have a shortfall of a little over \$5000 for the month and a year-to-date shortfall of almost \$17,000. This is the last of the summer months so hopefully we'll see an uptick in offerings for the balance of the year so we can reach our goal of break-even financially. Thanks for your support of KEPC.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Women of Worship:

The September meeting of WOW will be on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The meetings run from 10 till noon. This month's meeting will be a Bingo Party, hosted by Pat Cluthé and Laura Stroph. All bingo game players and winners will receive the gift of having fun with friends. What could be better?

As always, all ladies are welcome. Even if bingo is not your thing, please come out just for the fellowship, conversation, and of course, treats.

Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.