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"You are Hired"

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Scriptures: Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

<sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

<sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

<sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

<sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

<sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

<sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

<sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

<sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’

<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”