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Sunday, October 8, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Shaw, Lead Pastor  
“The Work of Light”  
Scriptures: [Matthew 21:33-46](#) (NRSV)



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### [Matthew 21:33-46](#)

<sup>33</sup> ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

<sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

<sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

<sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

<sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

<sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.”

<sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

<sup>41</sup> They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes”?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom

<sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.



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- <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.
- <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.