

We are happy to welcome ValLimar Jansen and her husband Frank to all our Liturgies this weekend. ValLimar and Frank are versed in sacred music and storytelling. They will be part of the music ministry this weekend and be the main presenters at our GIFT program Sunday and Monday. Welcome ValLimar and Frank.

Today's readings are so timely and speak to the world we live in today! Listen to the social justice prophet Amos as he takes issue with those who would cheat the poor...reminding them that the poor are close to the heart of God.

Paul encourages Timothy to *pray* for those in authority, for all those who can help others to live with dignity and in peace.

Jesus urges us to use *our ingenuity* to attain that which really matters and has lasting value. Our true wealth lies in what we give away.

We have been given much – time, talent, treasure, family, friends, faith. How do these enrich our lives – and our world?

Today, let us intentionally embrace our true wealth. May we use our voice, our prayer, our talents so that all may live with dignity and in peace.