

I will worship with all of my heart
I will praise You with all of my strength
I will seek you all of my days
And I will follow all of your ways
I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise
I will bow down; hail You as King
I will serve You, give You everything
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne
And I will trust You. I will trust You alone.
I will give You all my worship.
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship;
You alone are worthy of my praise
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

All: Bountiful Love: our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need. Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us how we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others - all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence

Leader: The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts or by any work we have done.

People: Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

ANTHEM

"The Greatest Gift"
Sanctuary Choir

Phil Perkins

My hands I give to use for Thee, for yours are torn from Calvary,
Those hands that knew a carpenter's trade were nailed that day for me to save.

No greater gift can ever be than that which God did give to me
For long ago God gave to us the greatest gift we'll e'er receive.

My heart I pledge to love for Thee, for Thine did break upon the tree.
A heart that knew no love in death. My heart I give its love to shed.

My life I give to live for Thee, for yours you gave on Calvary.
A life God sent to set us free. Here Lord I give my life to Thee.

The greatest gift will ever be the gift that God did give to me,
For long ago God gave to us the greatest gift we'll e'er receive.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 205 and 207.)

* HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

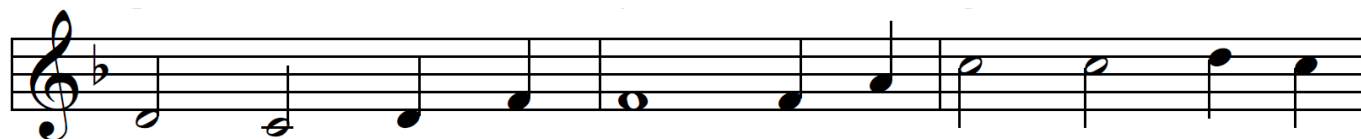
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Glory to God



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

SERMON

Clink, Clink

Pastor Ivan N. Herman



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



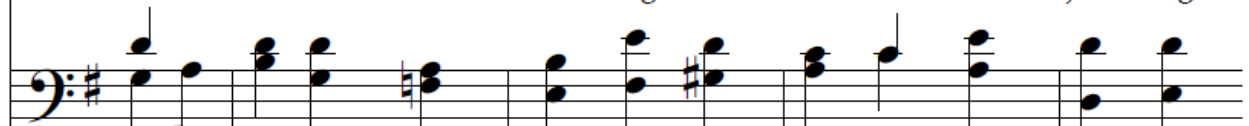
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nurturing Relationships

Anne Parker

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. Molly Ijames

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God who redeems, ground us in your ethic of love, tune our ears to voices long silenced, open our heart to each other and particularly those who suffer, and help us attend to the many extraordinary ways you are present to us in this world. In this moment of prayer, we pause to give thanks for our lungs that fill with every breath, reminding us we are alive; our hearts that beat within us, leading us to love and relationship; our hands and feet that guide and support us in work and service; our minds that contemplate your great mysteries through Word and worship.

God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this significant moment in the life of our nation, we pause to pray for those we have elected to the privilege of political leadership; those who are exhausted from navigating divisiveness and hostile disagreement; those burdened by a future full of uncertainty and change; those in need of courage to embrace change and move forward.

Merciful God, empower us to love and minister to all who are suffering. Break into our lives to reveal your eternal wisdom and your path of righteousness. Call us to journey together in common purpose and common mission, to be the Body of Christ in this, your world.

Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

* CLOSING SONG

“Forever”

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
God's love endures forever
For God is good and is above all things
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
God's love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever.
From the rising to the setting sun
God's love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Verset in G Major”
Mikhail Sumarokov, organ

Alfred Lefébure-Wély

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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