

STEWARDSHIP-THEMED SERVICE OF WORSHIP
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Call to Worship

Sarah Specht and Ed Thompson

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

All: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

One: God has done great things for us, filling us with joy.

All: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'thank you!' to the one who loves us.

All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives. Let us worship God.

Hymn **"Now Thank We All Our God"**

Susan Sharp Campbell

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Call to Confession

Sarah Specht

God has poured out God's grace that overflows for us through Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Ed Thompson

God of every blessing, too often we sow sparingly, because we want to be the ones who reap. We don't want to share the reward of our work. We question the motives of people who ask for our help. Too often we sow sparingly, because we fear we will not have enough. Too often we sow sparingly, because we lose confidence that our offerings make a difference.

We confess that we sow sparingly, because we forget to see the world you are calling into being, emerging in the very midst of the world as we know it. We confess that we think this work is all up to us, instead of trusting your providence. Open our hearts and hands and minds, Generous One, to new vision and new trust. Help us, God, to know that in the very act

of giving, we are praying for a healed world. Remind us that our gifts are seeds that multiply into a great harvest. A-men.

Assurance of Pardon

Sarah Specht

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy. Thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Amy Robinson

Holy and gracious God,
may your Holy Spirit give us
a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we may know the hope to which Christ has called us,
the riches of his glorious inheritance among us,
and the greatness of his power for those who believe.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Rocky Poole

Time with the Children

Maureen Wright

Sermon

Rocky Poole

Hymn “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*”

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

3 The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

4 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Prayers of the People

Mark Miller

Offering

Offertory Music
Prayer of Dedication

Nellie Howard
Barbara Chalfant

Hymn **“Take My Life “**

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

Rocky Poole

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