



Giving by Faith



Stewardship Sunday
November 12th, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude *Festive Piece* on “Plainfield” arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Adapted from 1 Corinthians 12, *The Message*)

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere, but they all come from God’s Spirit.

People: God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere, but they all originate in God’s Spirit.

Leader: God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere, but God is behind it all.

People: Each person is given something to do that shows us who God is.

Leader: Everyone is included, and everyone benefits.

People: All kinds of gifts are handed out by the Spirit to all kinds of people!

Leader: The variety is beautiful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust.

People: Healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation.

Leader: All of God’s gifts are activated by the same Spirit.

People: God’s Spirit gives us everything we need to work together as one body. Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn #733 “We All Are One in Mission”

Poem “Getters And Givers” by Amos Russel Wells

Know yourself not of the light, if you hide at home;
Know yourself not of the heat, if aught can hold you;
Know yourself not of God, if the widest dome
That ever a hermit soul built up for itself enfold you.
There are only two kinds of men among all that live,—
The men that live to get, and the men that get to give.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, the truth about me hurts. You give me every good gift, yet I dishonor your generosity by hoarding your abundance. I betray your kindness by being impatient and harsh. I disregard your compassion by criticizing and judging. Forgive me, Lord. By the power of your Spirit, renew my heart and lift the burden of my guilt, that I may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Siblings in Christ, God offers streams of unending mercy.
Accept God's grace, repent, and be restored to abundant life.

People: **I am forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

*Musical Response #710 "We Are an Offering"

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:4-18, 27

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "All for One and One for All"

Receiving New Members

Hymn #2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

Receiving Our Offerings and Pledges

Hymn # 2031 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

*Benediction

Postlude "A Joyous Acclamation" by Lani Smith

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;
Cathy Jaynes, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host