

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people. Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

The Worship of God

First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Words by Henry van Dyke, Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

"For The Fruit of All Creation"

HR HYD Y NOS;

"I Give Myself Away"

By Sam Hinn and William McDowell

Words by Fred Pratt Green, Welsh Melody

"The Answer"

By Christian McIvor, ©2023

Prelude

"'The Heart of Worship' with 'O Worship the King'" By Matt Redman,
Pam Weis arr. Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald

Welcome Christian McIvor

† Call to Worship

One: Generosity...

All: the quality of being kind, plentiful, abundant, lavish, not selfish, willing to share,

generous in spirit.

One: Let us worship the God who is the very definition of generosity,

All: and who calls each of us to be generous as well.

One: God, open our hearts

All: to fresh ways of serving you and your world.

One: Open our minds

All: to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us.

One: Open our souls

All: so that we may be filled with your overflowing love. Amen.

† Opening Hymn 597 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

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.

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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.

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.

Take my silver and my gold— not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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.

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.

During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn, all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Anthem

"Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love"
GBC Choir

By Craig Curry

Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love, ignite our hearts with fire from above. Bring us God's Word, show us the Way, lead us to truth today.

Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love, Spirit descend again like a dove. Spirit of Love with Father and Son, come knit our hearts as one.

(cont'd on the next page)

Spirit, who knows our hidden thoughts within, come and convict and cleanse us from our sin.
Our tongues inspire as one voice we raise.

Our lives accept as an offering of praise, an offering of praise!

Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love, show us Your power once more from above. Spirit of Love with Father and Son, come knit our hearts as one.

Come knit our hearts as one. Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love, come, Spirit of Truth, come, Spirit of Love.

† Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD;

Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt., Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

† Prayer of Dedication

Keith Vaughn

Scripture Reading Acts 5:1-11 Joanne Thompson

Sermon "A Generous Spirit (part 2)" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Postlude

Communion Chrissy Tatum Williamson and Christian McIvor

† Musical Response "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (see words and text on next page) Words by R

BEACH SPRING;

Words by Robert L. Edwards, alt. Music *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood

Stewardship Moment Kay Meyer

Celebrating Community Anna Beth Cross

Benediction Chrissy Tatum Williamson

"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"
Pam Weis

By Gilbert M. Martin

(Musical Response: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending)



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



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



to you, of-fering 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,



This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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