

Presbyterian Church of Henderson

Worship Service 10:00 AM

November 14, 2021

Stewardship Sunday

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

- Today is Stewardship Sunday where we have praying over our commitments to the church. Please respond by placing your pledge cards in the offering plate
- Also in line with stewardship, **next week**, we will be having a brief financial update meeting immediately after service. Many have been asking how the church has been doing since COVID. We will have give you a brief snapshot of how God has been watching over us during the pandemic.
- Binge Jesus with us today at 2:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged even if you missed the first tow episodes.
- Join us for our Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday. The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, and rolls, we ask everyone to bring side dishes or dessert.
- Community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Henderson Area Ministerial Association is next Sunday at 7:00pm at Methodist Church. Pie and fellowship following the service.
- Minute for Mission: Walt and Evonda/Glenn

Prelude Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn PH 555 "Now We Thank All Our God"

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 His 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 earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.

***Call to Confession**

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.

***Gloria Patri** (PH 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

Please turn and bow to someone out of respect and love— "The peace of Christ be with you"

Prayer for Illumination

By the power of your Holy Spirit startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

First Reading Acts 20:32-35 (NRSV)

³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Special Music "Fanfare" McChesney, Handbell Choir

Second Reading 1 John 3:17-19 (NRSV)

17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

Children's Sermon Pastor Eric

- Let's play a game called, "Which is Better"
- Which is Better—
 - Lie or tell the truth?
 - Push someone down or help them up?
 - Tell a person they are right or tell them they are wrong?
 - Love your neighbor or hate your neighbor?
 - Give a dollar or receive a dollar.
- In today's Scripture reading it says, "remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
- Jesus calls us to give more than we receive

Intro for Tom

- Our guest speaker today is well credentialed because he holds a law degree from University of Illinois, MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and PhD. From Fuller Theological Seminary
- He has practiced law in Salt Lake City, and served as a pastor for 12 years in Utah and Southern California.
- He is the author of the book [hold it up]
- I got to know him when he was the Deputy Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency where he over saw all the national and international mission and ministry of the PCUSA.
- Currently he is the President and CEO of the Presbyterian Foundation for the past 11 years.
- Best part about our guest speaker is that I get to call him friend.
- Over the past 14 years I have know him, I enjoyed how God has used him in profound ways.
- Please welcome today, my dear friend, Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor

Sermon "Gratified" Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor
President and CEO, Presbyterian Foundation

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***Hymn** PH 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

3 Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

Offering

Freely we have received; freely we give. With joyful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed)

Minister:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

All:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Loving God, you never leave us alone, nor fail to watch out for our well-being, restoring us and providing for us. Because you are faithful, we come to you now to make our petitions known to you. We pray for the church and its leaders; may we continue to be living witnesses for you. We pray for the global community; enable us to serve those in need and work for peace. We pray for all those who are cheated and abused; help us be advocates for the powerless, that we might enact godly justice. We pray for those who suffer; make us agents of your restoration and healing. We pray for your creation; make us good stewards, that many generations will know the goodness of your gifts. We remember those who have come to their eternal rest; help us to comfort those who grieve their loss. We lift up to you the prayers we hold secretly, for we know that you know all things. All these things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

And now, with confidence as children of God, let us pray:

Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn** PH 554 "Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
All fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces,
The stars in their courses
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!

***Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give
you peace both now and evermore.

Postlude (please be seated for the postlude)