

Service for the Lord's Day

November 8, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

*Some have too much, yet still do crave;
I have little, and seek no more.
They are but poor, though much they have,
And I am rich with little store.*



DO NOT BE DECEIVED,
my beloved brethren. Every good gift
and every perfect gift is from above, and comes
down from the Father of lights, with whom
there is no variation or shadow of turning.

*They poor, I rich;
they beg, I give;
They lack, I leave;
they pine, I live.*
- Sir Edward Dyer
(d. 1607)

*Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:
Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?"
or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.*
- Proverbs 30:7-9

We Gather to Share in the Blessings of Being Stewards of God

Prelude

Nancy Tedford, piano

Greetings and Church Family News

Choral Introit "This Is the Day" - Purifoy Covenant Choir

***Call to Worship II Corinthians 9:6-15** Joanne Dickson

Leader: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

People: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Leader: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

People: As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

Leader: He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

People: For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Leader: By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them

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and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you,
because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

People: Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

We Praise The Living God Giver of Every Good & Perfect Gift

*Hymn of Praise *Now Thank We All Our God* #98

Children's Prayer Kathy Ludwig

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri (#734)

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem Covenant Choir

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own” – Kendrick/Getty

*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's Word Helps Us Not to Be Deceived

*Hymn of Preparation *Take My Life* - vv.1, 3, 4, 6 #585

Scripture: **James 1:9-18 (p.1011)**

Message: “Blessing 1: Stewards of God”
(*Participating in the Blessings 2020*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Depart as a Kind of Firstfruits of God's Redemptive Work

*Closing Hymn of Thanks *We Plow the Fields* #714

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

*indicates to stand if you are able

Stewards of God

Participating in the Blessings (#1)

James 1:9-18

The good God blesses His people to be good stewards instead of cursing them to be bad owners. God's stewards are blessed to rely on Him instead of re-lying to themselves.

A. Stewardship...

1. What it is *not*...
2. What it *is*...

B. This year's theme: *Participating in the Blessings of God (Philippians 2:1-2... participation in the Spirit...)*

1. *Blessed to be Stewards of God*
2. *Blessed to be Stewards of God's Church*
3. *Blessed to be Stewards of God's Church Here at Covenant, Reno.*
*Follow-up – *Blessed to be Personal Stewards of the Unique Gifts, Abilities & Opportunities God is Giving Me* (on-line resource)

C. Blessings of Being Stewards of God (from James 1:9-18)...

1. Freedom from unnecessary anxiety
2. Instruction toward Relying on God
 - a. Liabilities for the Rich; Assets for the Poor
 - b. Relationship that matters: Not with Earthly Things but God!
 - c. The blessing that matters most only comes from God: *The Crown of Life.*
3. Knowing God, who is the Source of all we have & all we need.

Additional Notes: