

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

***All Things Belong To God***

**Stewardship Sunday**

A misty forest landscape with a rainbow in the sky. The text "ALL THINGS BELONG TO" is in white, uppercase letters, and "God" is in a large, bold, white serif font. Below the text is the reference "— PSALM 24:1 —" in white, uppercase letters.

ALL THINGS BELONG TO  
**God**  
— PSALM 24:1 —

*O Lord, everything in heaven and earth is Yours (2 Kings 19:15b).*

*Knowing that all things belong to God, we realize we have a responsibility to be wise managers, stewards, of all God has entrusted to us, using these resources for His glory.*

*Today, we show our response of stewardship as we recommit ourselves and resources to God.*

### ***Prelude***

**9:00am: #785, We Praise You, O God**

**1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You  
have been. When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us, And with Your help, O Lord, our  
struggles we win.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great Redeemer, forever  
be praise!**

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**11:15am: Opening Praise Song**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we are lying to ourselves.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.**

*(A time for silence and reflection)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word,  
and action. I am an imperfect steward of all the good things with which You entrust me. I let  
worries and concerns rob me of the joy You give. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy  
on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P: For our sakes, Jesus became poor, so that through His poverty we might be made rich. For His sake God  
forgives all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, God gives the power to become children of God and  
bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Therefore, I, as a  
called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Praise be to You, O Lord, from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the majesty, and the splendor, for  
everything in heaven and earth is Yours.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.

**C: Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.**

P: In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**C: Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: O God, Creator and Owner of all, give to us the joy of acknowledging You as our Lord and Master, the grace of giving in response to Your love, and the faith to trust Your providence, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever, Amen.**

## **Children's Time**

### **1 Chronicles 29:14-18**

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. For we are strangers before You and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your Holy name comes from Your hand and is all Your own. I know, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen Your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to You. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of Your people, and direct their hearts toward You.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **1 Corinthians 3:21-23**

So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

L: This is the Word of our Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to one, two, to one, one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an

abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.””

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord,

**C: Praise to You, O Lord.**

**9:00am: [Tune, #527] All Things Belong to God!**

This hymn text was written by Pastor to the glory of God and in honor of our Stewardship Sunday Celebration 2023.

*The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord. Psalm 24:1*

**1. We are so thankful Jesus, we gather and believe, asking ourselves the question, the best gift we've received? Remembering with de-light, our voices raised in song, God's sacrifice of Jesus, we have been truly blessed.**

**2. All things belong to You God, all good and perfect gifts, comes from Your hands O Lord God, a measure of Your love. E-very gift, oh so blessed, Your gifts to us in love, we lift our voices on high, all things belong to God!**

**3. We come to You so broken, yet hopeful we become, Your goodness to us Dear Lord creates us new again. We thank You for new life Lord, that You so richly give, and ask ourselves the question, what truly we can give?**

**4. Baptized into Your family, we gather as Redeemed. Our pledges in our hands Lord, Your gifts fill up our lives. Lord help us to be stewards, caretakers one and all, we know deep down inside us, all things belong to You!**

**11:15am: Sermon Praise Song...or the above??!!!**

The Sermon        *All Things Belong to God*  
Stewardship Thoughts

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

**#784, Take My Life and Let It Be**

**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  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev'ry pow'r 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.**

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### **Prayers of His Children**

P: O God our Father, You are the Creator of all that exists. All that is beautiful, glorious, powerful, and wise is from Your hand. Everything belongs to You. Help us to be faithful stewards of all that is Yours that You have entrusted to us.

**C: Help us to live by Your mercy and love.**

P: Dearest Jesus, our Redeemer, thank You for seeking and finding us when we were lost. Help us to live only for You, especially in our use of the good gifts that You have given to us. May we also share the news of Your redeeming love with others as we have opportunity.

**C: May we live only for You.**

P: O Holy Spirit, giver of life, guide us and lead us. Transform our hearts and minds to be more like Jesus. Refine what is trash in our lives and make us pure. Guide us especially in the wise use of our time, talents, and treasures that we may gratefully respond to Your love.

**C: Give us the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: Lift up your hearts.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right to do so.**

P: We praise You, O Lord, loving Father, eternal and all-powerful God. We praise You for Your magnificent creation, for Your providence and care, and for all the good gifts You have entrusted to us; we especially praise You for Jesus, our Redeemer, whose resurrection we celebrate with great joy. Therefore with all angels, with the saints in heaven and on earth, we join together to bring highest praise as we say,

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **The Words of Jesus**

P: Together as a family, we pray,

**C: LORDS PRAYER**

### **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

*#781, 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 firstfruits give!**

**3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the**

**Shepherd bleed Are straying from the fold.**

**4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.**

**5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.**

**6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O  
Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.**

Text: William W. How, 1823–97  
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**#352, *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord***

**1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**

**2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired, What they longed for  
many\_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.**

**3 Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord— Him of twofold race behold  
Truly came, as long foretold.**

**4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness, Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.**

**5 Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread, I may cling to You in  
faith, Safely kept through life and death.**

**6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign, I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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**#744, *Amazing Grace sts. 1–5***

**1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

**2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion  
be As long as life endures.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe  
thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

**4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then  
prevail In heaven's joy and peace.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to**

## **sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

Text (sts. 1-4): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
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P: Together, we pray,

**C: For all the gifts You give, O Lord, especially the precious Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood, we cannot repay You. Therefore we receive them with joy and thanksgiving, and with the strength that You give us, respond to Your love with humble service. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

### **God's Benediction**

P: Please rise and face the balcony. Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God and Father has made today a day of special rejoicing. With our new organ we will be encouraged to sing to the Lord and bless His Holy name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.

It will also adorn the Word of Jesus which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing each other in psalms, hymns, and Spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His Holy Word, everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, so it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God's house of worship.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: We dedicate this organ to the glory of God and may God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless this organ for use in the services of His house.

**C: Amen.**

P: We pray, Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. We thank You that You have joined our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your Holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Indeed, it is Jesus who has made this a day of rejoicing, and so, let us sing and praise God...

### **#790, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.**

**5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!**

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***11:15am: Sending Praise Song***

**Ministry Announcements**

***Postlude***