

OFFERTORY Thou My Everlasting Portion CHARLESTOWN
(The Sacred Harp) Arr. Opal S. Davis

Thou my everlasting portion,
more than friend or life to me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or wordly pleasure,
nor for fame my prayer shall be;
gladly will I toil and suffer,
only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows,
bear me over life's fitful sea;
then the gate of life eternal
may I enter, Lord, with thee. Amen.

Fannie J. Crosby

*** PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours
is the faith, the will, the thought; the
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN 549** Where Charity and Love Prevail Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Beverly Silas

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

BIGGER BARNs

1. Big - ger barns are what I need!" So a rich man
2. "Big - ger barns are what we need for our mon - ey,
3. God of love, we long to know what will make us
said one day. "From my wor - ries I'll be free
gad - gets, more!" Lord, we're tempt - ed to be - lieve
tru - ly blest. Je - sus taught us long a - go
when my wealth is stored a - way."
hav - ing wealth, we'll be se - cure!
wealth won't give us peace or rest.
"Fool!" God said, "To - day you'll die! Will your wealth mean
Some - where child - ren cry for food or to have a
You are our se - cur - i - ty! Safe in you, we
an - y - thing? All life's bles - sings real - ly lie
doc - tor's care. Can our big - ger barns be good
serve, O Lord. May we find we're rich in - deed
in my life that wealth can't bring."
when poor neigh - bors know des - pair?
when we're shar - ing with the poor.

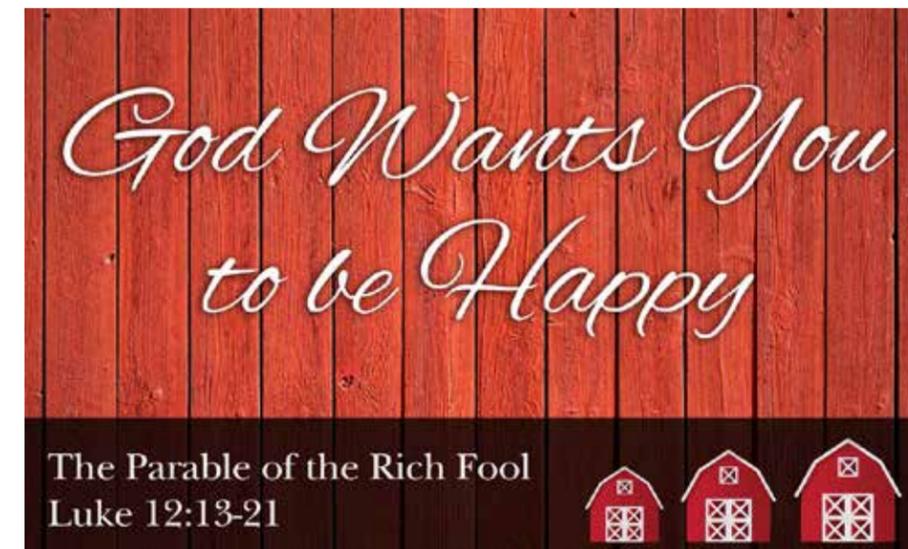
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From *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor*

Music: ABERYSTWYTH - Joseph Parry



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 31, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Because we believe that every human being is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL persons, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at fumcaustin.org.

Family Room

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Sunday Parking

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets, at open meters around the church, and on the roof top of the TSTA garage on 12th Street.

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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to sign in the white folders as a way of offering our presence to God.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT Morning Has Broken

Gaelic Melody
Arr. Alec Wyton

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing! fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven
has made a home on Earth.

**Christ dwells among us
and is one with us.**

Highest of all creation,
he lives among the least.

**He journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.

* HYMN 428 For the Healing of the Nations

OPENING PRAYER

Extravagant God,
you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.

You pour out mercy and cover us with love.

You show us true justice and offer us peace.

You provide us with every need

and promise us eternal life with you.

In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,
nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.

**Bathe us in the light of Christ,
illumine us with your Holy Spirit,
and enable us to live only for you.**

In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

ANTHEM There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy Calvin Hampton

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God,
allow us your wisdom.

By the power of your Holy Spirit
open the Scriptures to us today,
that in the Word read and proclaimed
we might know your truth.

In Jesus’ name we ask it.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-11

New Testament, page 189

PSALTER

Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

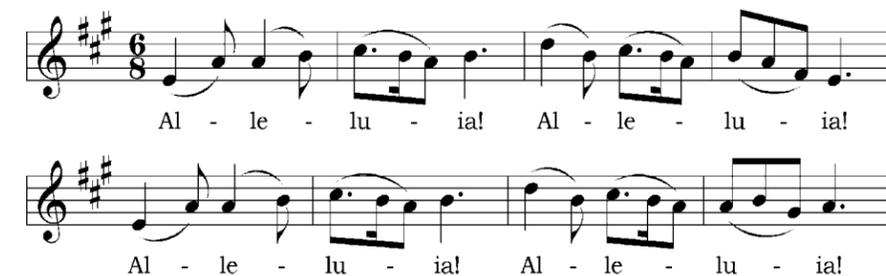
Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
**hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
**he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

* ALLELUIA



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* GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21

New Testament, page 70

Response at the conclusion of the reading:

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Bigger Barns

See Back Panel

Sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON God Wants You to be Happy

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Join in the following response:

Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

* 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out the First Steps card clipped to the pew back and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD