Sunday, November 11, 2012 **Stewardship Sunday** 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Improvisation on ‘Melita’”*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 52*

 Leader: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

 **People: I will thank You forever, because of what You have done.**

 **In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim Your name,**

 **for it is good.**

\*HYMN *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* *No. 276*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous and giving God, we are the recipients of daily gifts. Your grace freely given provides us with new life. Your material gifts sustain us and give us hope and promise for a bright future. This stewardship Sunday we recognize that we often try to give ourselves the credit for Your provisions. We use our work as a reason for why we deserve Your blessings, instead of Your grace as a means to that blessing. Forgive us for forgetting Your presence in our lives and lead us to a place where we are always thankful for Your love. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* *No. 288*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Terry Reiner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Malachi 3:6-12 (OT p890)*

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 22:15-22 (NT p24)*

SERMON *“Tithing as Discipline”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Take My Life”* *No. 391*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(p.16 in the Hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“For Such a Time as This”* - J. M. Martin Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him,*

*all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,*

 *praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”* *No. 561*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“The Heavens Declare”* - B.Marcello

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Because Of Your Love*

 *Enough*

 *Rescue*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Malachi 3:6-12*

 *Matthew 22:15-22*

Sermon *“Tithing as Discipline”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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