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Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:30am

PRELUDE

"If Thou Be Near" – Bach
"Amazing Grace" – arr. DeCou

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 128

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.

People: **You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands, you shall be happy,
and it shall go well with you.**

* HYMN

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

No. 285

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we praise You for graciously pouring out Your blessings and for making it possible to live abundantly. We confess that we have sown sparingly, that we have given reluctantly, and that we are good at making excuses for holding back. Forgive us for then being disappointed by the harvest. Help us to loosen our hands and put You to the test so that we may see the windows of heaven opened and know the joy of Your overflowing blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, hear us as we pray together in the name of Jesus, who held nothing back. 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(For those who wish, children grades K-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM

"In the Stillness of This Moment" – Martin

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 27:30 (OT p116); Malachi 3:8-10 (OT p890)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:19-21 (NT p6)

SERMON

NOVEMBER: STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Rev. Robert Bronkema

"Tithing as Obedience"

*HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

No. 422

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Let Us Break Bread Together" – Held

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" (v. 1)

No. 428

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.
Please drink as you are ready, in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Coro" from *Water Music* – Handel

Next Week (November: Stewardship Month)

Deuteronomy 12:8-12

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Matthew 6:24-33

"Choosing Our Master"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

All That I Am

Take My Life

Sanctuary

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

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Sermon: **NOVEMBER: STEWARDSHIP MONTH** *"Tithing as Obedience"*

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

For Your Glory

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
