

C: We are reminded in the gospel that from the poverty of the cross we have gained the richness of life.

L: Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to give to the work you have assigned our hands to do in this your earthly kingdom. You have put your divine stamp upon us, endowed us with honor, and created us in your likeness. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Through providence and grace we offer our tithes and offerings on your altar.

C: Lord, Adonai, where our hearts and hands are closed, open them. Where our resolve is weak, strengthen us.

L: Our health and strength have come from you and it is you who made our financial resources possible. Teach us to give as we have received. Remind us that what we claim as ours is really yours. Without your gifts to us we have nothing. We are called by you, O Lord, to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted in our care. You have called us to honor your name with our presence and our service. Gracious God, our prayer is that we may give a good accounting of our stewardship. We have received the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ as a gift, and we have been made his disciples.

C: We pray that we shall be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the light that Jesus has given us, ever giving and serving from a willing heart. We have freely received, now let us freely give!

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| Call to Offering | Liturgist |
| ✠Tugong Awit: "Doxology" | |
| ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving | Liturgist |
| ✠ Hymn of Commitment "To Others Share Your Many Gifts" (Ipakig-ambit Mo) HFJ#299 | |
| ✠ Prayer & Benediction | Pastor |
| ✠ Response "Five Fold Amen" | |



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Liturgical Guide:

"Thanksgiving & Stewardship Sunday"

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2015



Liturgical Flow

Preparation

Christian Stewardship – is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions, based on the conviction that these are trust from God, to be used in His service for the benefit of mankind, in grateful acknowledgement of Christ’s redeeming love. (*National Council of Churches-USA*)

✠ Hymn of Praise **“Dear Lord God, Receive Our Offering”**
(*Dawata Kining Among Halad*) HFJ#96

✠ Call to Worship Luke 16:1-13 (NRSV) Responsively
(*The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*)

LEADER: Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

CONGREGATION: So he summoned him and said to him, ‘‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’’

LEADER: Then the manager said to himself, ‘‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

CONGREGATION: I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’’

LEADER: So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘‘How much do you owe my master?’’ He answered, ‘‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’’ He said to him, ‘‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’’ Then he asked another, ‘‘And how much do you owe?’’ He replied, ‘‘A hundred containers of wheat.’’ He said to him, ‘‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’’

CONGREGATION: And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

LEADER: And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

CONGREGATION: ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?’



And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

ALL: No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

✠ **Opening Prayer:** *Generous God, we approach your throne today with a spirit of thanksgiving for all that you have done for us particularly in the area of finances. We understand that 100% percent of our income comes from and belongs to you. You’ve asked us to show our trust and dependence on you by returning the FIRST 10% of our earnings to the local church for the perpetual building of the Kingdom. Today we stand in unity and obedience as we are reminded of this blessed responsibility and opportunity. Oh Great Sustainer, we love you, trust you, and depend on you for all. It is to you that we surrender everything. In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

✠ **Response “Our God is Great” HFJ#71**
*Our God is great and worthy to be praised
for God fills us with the Spirit of truth. (repeat) Amen.*

The Word Of God

Scriptural Reading

Old Testament: Leviticus 27:30-33
New Testament: Acts 20:25 / Romans 12:6-8

✠ **Response: “Gloria Patri 1”**

Message: **Tithes & Offering: What is our Responsibility?**
(*moments of silence and reflection*)

Our Response
Litany of Stewardship

L: O God, we desire to be good stewards of all that you have made: the earth, the world, and all that dwells therein. All that we have comes as a trust from you.

C: God, Elohim, we give thanks for your gifts to us.

L: We are called by God to use whatever gifts we have been given in service to others. As you have so freely given to us and lovingly made us what we are, we now freely give back to you the substance of our lives—our time, talent, and money.

