



*Whatever you do, work at it with*  
**ALL YOUR HEART,**  
*as working for the Lord.*

— Colossians 3:23, NIV —

*“Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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Welcome

Prelude

*The Mercy of The Lord Is Forever*

Judy Hunnicutt

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 90:14, 17

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands.

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Opening Hymn

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

# 124 VT

*Verse 1:*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

*Verse 2:*

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

*Verse 3:*

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

### Time with Our Children

#### Song

*Lord, Listen to Your Children*

#682 VT

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### Congregational Prayer

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

John Calvin

There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbor.

#### Doxology

*Praise God* (verse 1)

#71 VT

Praise God, the Source of life and birth.  
Praise God, the Word who came to earth.  
Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.  
All glory, honor to God's name.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

#### Special Music

*When We Walk with The Lord /  
Amazing Grace*

arr. Benjamin Harlan  
and Donald Smith

## Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:23-24 (NRSVUE)

<sup>23</sup> Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, <sup>24</sup> since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

## Sermon

7 Life-Giving Virtues: Diligence  
“Whatever You Do, Do It Well”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* **Closing Hymn**      *O Master, let me walk with thee*      #357

*Verse 1:* O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free.  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

*Verse 2:* Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love.  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

*Verse 3:* Teach me thy patience, still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

*Verse 4:* in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future’s broad’ning way,  
in peace that only thou canst give;  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

\* **Benediction** (in unison)      Psalm 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us  
the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands.

## Postlude

*Sweet By and By*

arr. Frank Breazeale

\* Please stand as able and led