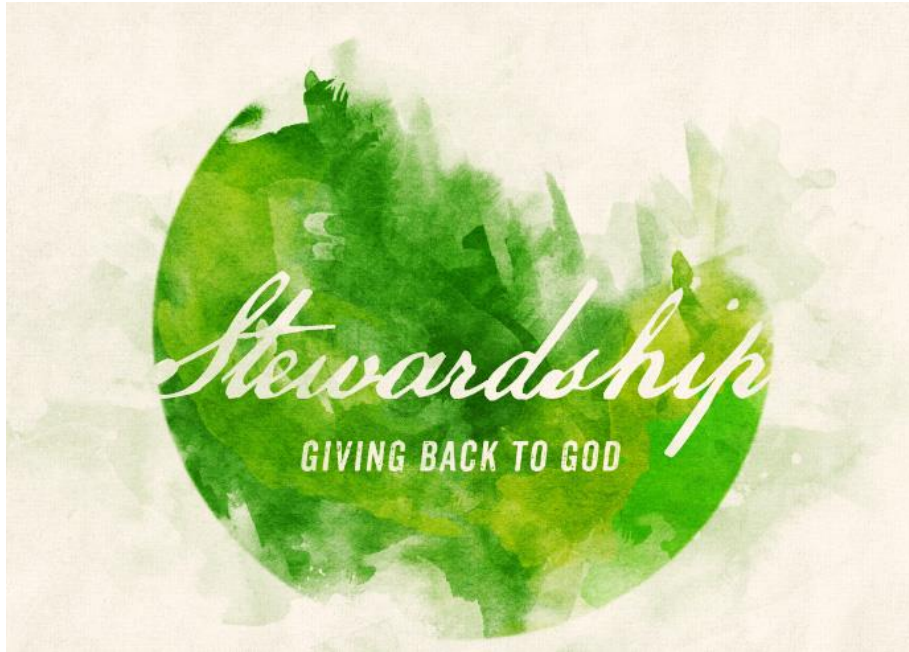


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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High,

People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness
at night,

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the
harp.

People: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for
joy at the works of your hands.

Leader: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your
thoughts!

People: You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

*OPENING IN SONG *W&R #572* **God Knows No Ending**

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own
lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among
shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and
whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illuminate us with
grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we groan at our weakness, and we ask forgiveness.
Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good. But we close our
ears to your call, and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you
have given us. Yet you provide streams of living mercy; you invite
us again and again to live renewed lives. So we turn once again to
the cross, to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away, to our
interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand, to the
gracious gift of your Spirit. We seek your forgiveness through
Jesus Christ, our Savior. We draw upon your promises, and we
ask once again simply for mercy. With your Holy Spirit, sanctify
us. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*from Ephesians 2*)

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he
loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together
in Christ. By his surpassing grace we have been saved!

Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAISING IN SONG

Spirit of the Living God

*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.*

W&R 687

All Things are Yours

W&R #472

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

WE HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

MARK 12:41-44

SERMON:

“PENNIES FROM THE HEART”

Pastor Ben Black

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Insert*

Simple Living

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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 OFFERING

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*SONG OF DEDICATION *W&R #34*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN *W&R # 709*

Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Meals for Youth On Fire

Would you like to prepare a dish for homeless young adults? We will next collect meals for **Youth On Fire** Sunday, June 11. Talk to Betty Trembly (617-955-7638) for more details.

Hygiene Kit

Thank you for your amazing support for making hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. So many of you contributed items and helped assemble them, that we were able to make 76! That's 25% more hygiene kits than last year!

Prayer for Faith Lutheran

Pray also for the workers who will be working on the building over the next weeks to secure it structurally. And pray for our neighbors who got flooded by the fire hoses and some of whom still haven't returned to their homes. Visit their GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/0c174ffb> or faithcambridge.org/giving to donate

Income Update for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

	GFM	Target	Surplus/(Deficit)	% of Budget
March	\$17,101	\$21,512	(\$4,411)	79%
FYTD	\$179,880	\$193,609	(\$13,729)	93%

The remaining mortgage balance is \$124,706

Capital campaign fund balance: \$13,599

Mark 12:41-43

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-- all she had to live on."