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COMMITTMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2018 · 11:00 A.M.
Today is Commitment Sunday when we heed the biblical mandate to live “as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (I Peter 4:10). Living as stewards is not natural for us because we all prefer to live as owners. However, the gospel of grace transforms would-be owners into stewards and sparing hearts into generous hearts.

Giving has served as a part of worship throughout biblical history because our money reveals where our heart’s treasure really lies. Abel willingly gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). Offering sacrifices was a major part of Old Testament worship (Leviticus 1-5). King David declared, “I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing” (II Samuel 24:24). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18).

Our hymn of the month for November is “O God Beyond All Praising.” Verse one says “We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.”

Friends, in light of the beauty, glory, and love of God, let us make a joyful sacrifice of praise!

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**PRAISE OUR GREAT AND MIGHTY KING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “The Peace May Be Exchanged” ................. Dan Locklair

“Andante larghetto et staccato” ...............G.F. Handel; Dupré

_Samuel Metzger, organ_

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ............................................................... Todd Erickson

†**HYMN OF PRAISE:** No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation” ............... FOUNDATION

_stanzas 1-4 & 6_

†**INVOCATION (Please lift hands)**

†**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 13:5-6 ........ Don Batchelor

_Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have,
for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

†**DOXOLOGY** ............................................................... TALLIS’ CANON

_Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost._
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And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..................................................Gerry Peak

*GREETINGS
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When we walk through fire, we shall not be burned; when we pass through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm us. God promises to be with us and strengthen us, help us, and uphold us with His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10). We are encouraged not to fear, for God is with us (Isaiah 41:10).

The Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**... Acts 21:1-26 (page 930 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

**SERMON**... How to Listen to Friends: Part 1... George W. Robertson

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**... Acts 21:1-26 (Please stand)

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON**... Ephesians 1:7-8

**MUSICAL MEDITATION:** “Take My Life and Let It Be”... HENDON

Imitate Him in His Generous Grace

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT:** “Take My Life, and Let It Be”... HENDON

**BENEDICTION**... Dan Locklair

**CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** “The People Respond - Amen!”... Dan Locklair

** Indicates congregation standing  

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   A. When (vv. 1-11)

   B. How (vv. 12-16)

II. Submitting to Them (Acts 21:17-26)
   A. When (vv. 17-23)

   B. How (vv. 24-26)