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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Katie DiSalvo-Thronson
Organizer of PATH

OPENING SONG

“My Lord! What a Morning”

GTG #352

Refrain

*My Lord! what a morning;
my Lord! what a morning;
O my Lord! what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.*

You will hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
And take up their cross and follow me.’

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy: help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING #1 Luke 9:57 – 62

ANTHEM “Appalachian Grace” SJU Chancel Choir
(Diane Hannibal and Joel Raney)

In the beauty of God's creation, I stand where mountains rise.
I see the valleys lush and green as quiet waters lie.
The rising sun reveals the beauty of heaven's vast array.
The glistening dew refreshes the morning as God renews each day.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the sky.
Lord of all, to thee we raise our song of endless praise,
our song of endless praise.

The comfort of the gentle breeze is like God's warm embrace.
While songbirds echo throughout the heavens the wonder of God's grace.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

SCRIPTURE READING #2 Luke 9:23

TIME WITH “No Such Thing as 110%” Pastor Steve Nofel
YOUNG DISCIPLES

MESSAGE “COUNT ME ALL-IN” Pastor Steve Nofel

DEDICATION OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

(Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Elaine Murray Dreeben, Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church, Canyon Lake TX)

Choose this day, whom you will serve.

We serve the Lord with gladness!

God is good.

God is good, all the time.

God's generosity extends far beyond our wildest imaginings.

We thank you, God, with renewed gratitude.

With hands and feet, hearts and voices

We serve the Lord with gladness!

We remember, O Lord, how you humbled yourself into human form, and how you bring us together as SJU to be a heavenly body on earth.

We pledge to live in witness to your legacy of freedom and in service to your holy name.

Help us to take up our crosses daily and serve you with all we have to give.

We commit to you, O God, our time, talents, and treasure, and serve with gladness. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG
OF REFLECTION

“The Family Prayer Song”

TFWS #2188

Come and fill our homes with your presence
You alone are worthy of our reverence.

Refrain:

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
We will serve the Lord*

Lord, we vow to live holy,
bowing our knees to you only.

Refrain

PRAYER OF GENEROSITY

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

GTG #526

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible

Luke 9:57 – 62

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Luke 9:23

²³ Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'

