



WORSHIP AT THE
WELL

October 31, 2021

Gathering Music "Trick or Treat" by Jeffrey Cobb
featuring the Well Worship Band

Greeting and Announcements by Pastor Rev. Linda Stephan

Call to Worship Rev. Linda Stephan

One: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,
Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.
Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

ALL: Strength is holding our possessions lightly.

**Strength is turning a cheek,
Strength is loving an enemy.**

One: So here we are, come to worship
a God who redefines our vision of strength.

Song for All "Pass it On" by Tommy Walker

Song for All "Reckless Love" by Caleb Culver

Baptism of Aiden Arthur Broad, child of Hannah and Zach Broad

Our Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Aiden and his family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 21: 21-27 (Common English Bible)
key verse: "I will not make an offering to the Lord that costs me nothing!"

Sermon *Our Money Story—Stewardship Series:*
Chapter Five— "Respond & Rejoice!" Rev. Chris Lane

Focus Song "What If I Give All" by Ray Boltz
featuring the Well Worship Band and Vocalists

Giving Our Gifts

Rev. Chris Lane

As you sit and reflect during today's focus song, think of when you've been given a gift that really cost you something. How did it benefit another? How did it affect you? Please fill out your pledge card, placing it and your gifts in the offering bag. Giving online is always an option as well.

Prayer Litany of Dedication

Rev. Linda Stephan

One: Gracious God, we come with pledges and promises and good intentions.

We admit that giving is complicated. At times it is easier to remember our shame or guilt around giving, as opposed to your joy and generosity.

We've looked at our money stories, and how they've affected us all in different ways.

ALL: So today as we offer our gifts to you, we pray that You would re-center our story. Remind us that we do not give out of shame or guilt.

We do not give out of obligation.

We do not give to feel worthy.

And we do not give to buy your Grace.

One: We give out of a desire to participate, to let it cost us something.

We give as a sign of gratitude.

We give because we belong to one another.

We give to build a more just and equitable world.

We give because we love, and that's what love does.

ALL: So take these pledged gifts and remind us that we belong to one another.

Remind us that all money stories are welcome at this table.

Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us will be washed away with your empathy and love.

Remind us, and then help us to build that more beautiful world.

In hope we pray as Christ's Body in the world, Amen.

Song for All

"Generous King"

by Joel Sczebel, Pat Sczebel

Parting Blessing

Rev. Chris Lane

Parting Music

"The Well"

by Mark Hall

featuring the Well Worship Band

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

MUSIC: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists,
Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Lisa Cooley, Liz and Bob Bevier, The Ondrajka Family

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett,
Lynne Lombard and John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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