# Worship Spotlight

# Why do we have an Offering? And what is a "tithe"?

From the very beginning, God's people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or "tithe") of one's income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

For the Israelites the offerings were usually animals, crops, or prepared food. They were elements of God's creation which the people had cultivated by long hours of labor and care. As the fruit of human labor they symbolized the life of the people. Thus, in offering the work of their hands, the people were offering their very lives to God that He might use them to accomplish His purposes.

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

For these reasons the offering is a significant part of our worship service. It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club.

When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



# July 3rd, 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

### **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-3, 6

†Congregational Singing

#10 "O Worship the King"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

#### **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are

truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "In Christ Alone"

# **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:19–25

†Gospel Reading

†Profession of Faith

Leviticus 8:5-12, 22-23, 30; 9:22-24

Hebrews 10:19–25

John 17:1-10

The Apostles' Creed

"Consecration of the Priests" Sermon Series: Exodus Pastor David Salyer

Offertory

Sermon

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

### **GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE**

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side, or you make take the bread and cup to your seat to partake. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

We encourage words of blessing during this time: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20), and the response: "And also with you."

## Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

### **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag Nursery Volunteers: Anne Lano, Miabelle Lano

#### **CHURCH LIFE**

Sunday, July 3rd - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

Wednesday, July 6th

6:30 a.m. . . . Women's Prayer Meeting

- ❖ Pastor Chad and family will be on **vacation** June 29th-July 7th. Please pray the Lord's blessing for their travel and time away.
- **♦ Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$94,726.00. Received 6/19: \$1,942.88. Received year-to-date: \$93,030.58.
- ❖ July Birthdays: (1) Chad Anderson, (2) Aiden Freitag 2010, Nora Johnson 2013, Josh Goodbrake, (3) Mary Kolstad, (5) Micah Fong, (8) Aliyah Hughett 2018, (9) Micah Holl, Harriet Rodgers 2010, (10) Eleanor Hajda, Gabriel Lanka 2012, (13) Rollie Gibbins, (15) Haven Salyer 2009, (18) Marla Reiter, (27) Georgia Cleland, (28) Mordecai LeFeber 2011, (29) Roz Gibbins, (29) Miabelle Lano 2010

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ♦ That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.
- ❖Presbytery: Grace Church Fremont (Pastor Kyle McClellan).
- ♦ Missions: John and Terri MTW Middle East
- ♦ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake, Rachael Hajda (Eliza Jane born 5/13), Kristin Holl (Todd Lorenz born 2/19)

#### **STAFF**

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam

Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach)(Kitchen), Anne Lano (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

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