

Stewardship Sunday  
2 Corinthians 9**Collect:**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen**

**Hymn:**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty  
My soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your  
beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
Better is one day in Your courts

My heart and flesh cry out,  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water for my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen,  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You.  
I will draw near to You

**Reading:**

**9** There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. **2** For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. **3** But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. **4** For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident. **5** So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit

you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

**Generosity Encouraged**

**6** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **9** As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”<sup>[a]</sup>

**10** Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**12** This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. **13** Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **14** And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **15** Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****Sermon**

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**Blessing:**  
The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**NOTE: Distribution of communion.**

*Bread:*

- We often serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000

*Wine:*

- We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.
- We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.
- If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.

*A blessing:*

- If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.

**Intercessions:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**Communion**

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