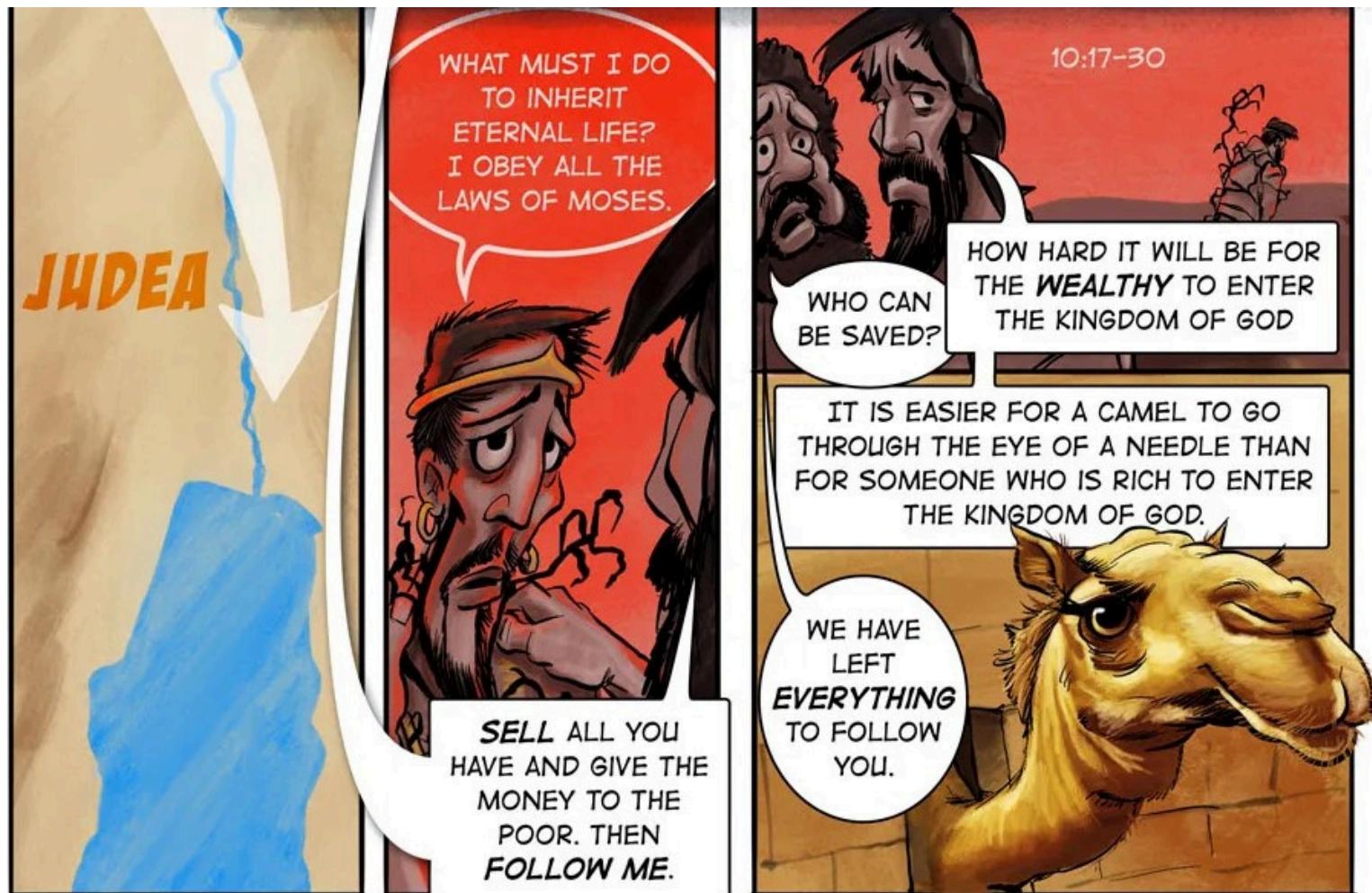




Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

October 13, 2024



The Cartoonist Bible, Steve Thomason

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The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Marshall

PRELUDE

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
by William Kirkpatrick

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

*HYMN # 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

INVITATION TO CONFESION

Donna Marshall

Let us reflect on the abundance in our lives and the imbalance in our world.

We come before the One who offers true richness – not in possessions, but in mercy and grace. With humble hearts, let us bring our confessions to God who understands our struggles and offers hope for change. Join me as we pray together,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Holy One,

we cannot begin to count all our possessions.

We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements.

We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more.

We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart.

We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need.

But we, O God, need your forgiveness

for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge.

Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly

so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jenn

Beloved, hear this good news: God's love is not measured by our possessions, nor is God's forgiveness limited by our excesses.

In Christ, we are offered a new perspective – one that values compassion over accumulation, and generosity over hoarding.

In God's grace, we find freedom from the burden of our possessions. Rise, forgiven and renewed, to share God's abundance with open hands and hearts. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 581

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

Holy God, quiet our restless minds and open our hearts to Your wisdom. As we listen to Your Word, may it challenge, comfort, and guide us, revealing Your truth in fresh and unexpected ways. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12-16

Donna Marshall

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Old Time "Hallelujah" Religion
arr. by Tammy Waldrop

Handbell Choir

The famous rhythmic motive from the Hallelujah Chorus occurs throughout the piece. Also, this piece reminds us of our heritage from faithful Christians who precede us: "It was good for our Mothers, It was good for our Fathers; It was good for Paul and Silas, It was good for the Hebrew children.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Jenn

*HYMN # 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Jenn

Jason and Valerie Adelung present their son, Kyan Matthew Adelung, born on March 13th, 2024, to be baptized. They are joined by Kyan’s siblings, Lorelei and Tristan, and his grandparents, Ralph Adelung, Mary Lynn Adelung, and Robert Chrystal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jenn

As we reflect on God's abundant blessings, let us consider how we might offer our first and best to the Lord. We have an opportunity to share not from our leftovers, but from the choicest portion of what we've received.

Besides donating by placing your donation in the plates by the doors, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church. More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY

“I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry”

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jenn

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as our first fruits, recognizing all we have comes from You. May these offerings become a testament to our trust in Your provision, bringing hope to those in need and transforming our hearts to be ever more generous. Amen.

*HYMN # 772

“Live into Hope”

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenn

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Valerie Adelung

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35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

end - less store, na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost-ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

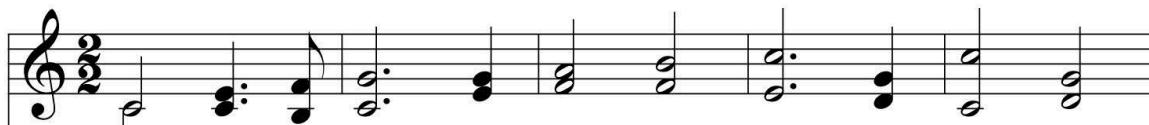
rise for - ev - - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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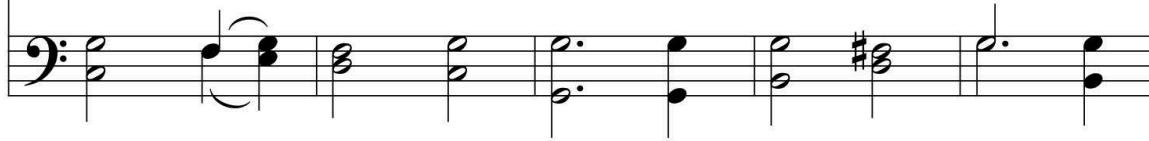
Live into Hope



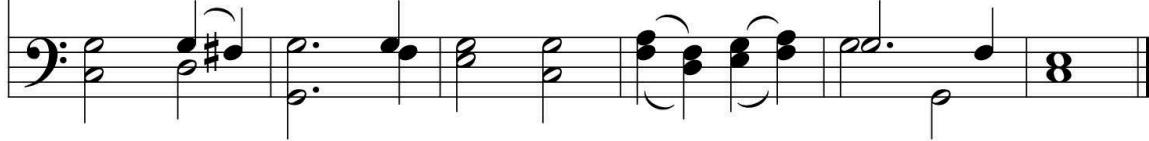
1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.



This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.