Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



*Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us this day.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God has gathered us in this place.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn # 44 – Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Using Our Resources

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

Special Music

Prayers of the People

Sunday, July 31st

The 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.

*Hymn #716 - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Charge and Benediction

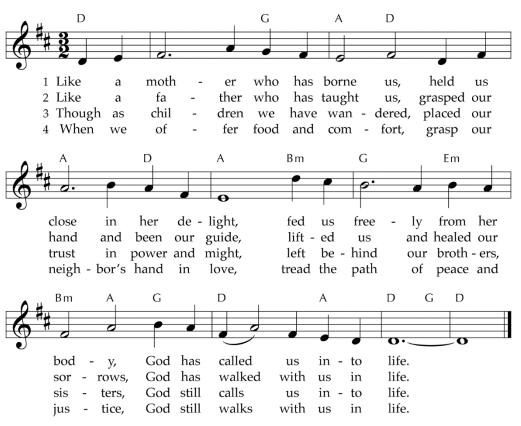
*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology

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

Postlude

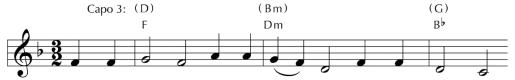
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1–19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40/Mark 12:29–31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46).

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



- 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



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



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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