

Stevensville United Methodist Church

April 18, 2021~ 3rd Sunday of Easter



Pastor Sarah Merchant

**Strawberries, Coins, Faces:
The Bond of Value and Reciprocity
Mark 12:13-17**

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9:00 Contemplative Outdoor Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

All: Give to him glorious praise!

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

All: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

One: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

All: They sing praises to your name.

Opening Hymn: God, We See What You Have Given
(V. 1, 2) See lyric insert.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12:13-17

Message: Strawberries, Coins, Faces: The Bond of Value and Reciprocity

Prayers of the Heart & Offering

Sending Song: God, We See What You Have Given
(V. 3 & 4) See lyric insert.

Blessing from all to all

10:30 Worship Service

Praise Music & Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Welcome to All Who Worship

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Gathering Hymn: : **God, We See What You Have Given**
(V. 1, 2) See lyric insert

Children's Message & Special Music

Scripture Lesson: **Mark 12:13-17**

**Message: Strawberries, Coins, Faces: The Bond of Value
and Reciprocity**

Hymn of Response: **God, We See What You Have Given**
(V. 3, 4) See lyric insert

Prayers of the Heart, Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment & Offering

Sending Hymn: **Love Divine, all Loves Excelling UMH 384**
(V. 1, 2, & 4) See lyric insert

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

- **UM101: United Methodism Unpacked**

What is the quadrilateral? Is grace for real?! How do Methodists live holy and active lives connected to God? These questions and more will be unpacked at the upcoming UM101 gathering. Whether you are new to this tradition, have developed deeper questions that haven't been addressed, or want to meet some new people of SteviUMC, you are encouraged to come. **3 Week Gathering April 15, 22, 29 on Thursdays at 2:00 PM.** RSVP with the office if you're interested at all, even if these days do not work.

- **Anne Harn Celebration of Life**

April 22nd ~ 10:00 AM at Stevensville United Methodist Church

- **Montana District Laity Learnings**

Join the Congregational Resource Ministers (CRMs) the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm for a focused conversation. Each month will focus on an administrative or discipleship learning, which contributes to the work of creating beloved community and developing church vitality.

Zoom ID:97852748299. Password: 239086. If you need help connecting with zoom, please contact Eric Strader, estrader@mtnskyumc.org
May 4th – Identity and vision. What is the mission or purpose of your church?

- **Deadline for Glad Tider Articles and information** = Wednesday, April 21.
- **Pastor Sarah will be on vacation April 22 through April 28th.** Please direct calls and questions to the office at (406) 777-5443.
- **May Unified Board Meeting** for May has been moved to May 16th.
- **May Town Hall Meeting** for May has been moved to May 23rd.
- **Flathead Lake UMC Work Weekends**
Help get the camp ready for summer! April 30, May 1, & 2.
Steve Hermes manager@flatheadcamp.org, will provide free stay in cabins, RV, or tent, and most of the meals. **YOU MUST** pre-register at <http://flatheadcamp.org/event/spring-work-weekend/> or through the email above.

God, We See What You Have Given

V. 1

God, we see what you have given;
Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven —
Gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty,
Called to give as we've received;
And your blessings have been plenty
From the day we first believed.

V. 2

We are stewards of the richness
That you send from heav'n above.
For in Christ, you gave up greatness,
Humbly showing us your love.
In a manger — gift from heaven!
On a cross — with love and pain!
You proclaimed we are forgiven;
Now you send us in your name.

V. 3

We are stewards of your welcome
That you showed through Christ the Son.
In his living and his teaching,
Jesus welcomed everyone.
To the outcast and the stranger,
He showed hospitality!
By your Spirit, may we also
Give the welcome we've received.

V. 4

We are stewards, sent out sharing,
Offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring
May we give as we've been blessed.
God of love, may faithful living

Be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving;
Help us daily walk your walk!

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH 384, V. 1, 2, 4)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, though art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us
all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith as
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.