



*And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV*

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord.

Our vision of growing the church of spreading the Gospel in our neighbourhood and beyond takes resources. To grow God’s Kingdom, it takes TIME, it takes TALENT, and it takes TREASURE.

Ester (4:14) “Perhaps you have been entrusted with the resources you have for such a time as this”

We are blessed with an abundance of TIME being offered by many dedicated and hard-working volunteers. They work tirelessly to meet the needs of all our Ministries. Ministries such as ACW, Disciple Depot, Heritage Park, Vacation Bible School, and more, thrive and contribute positively to our worship and to the benefit of spreading the word. We are indeed blessed.

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the name.

We are also blessed with the offering of an abundance of TALENT such as MUSIC, TEACHING, LEADERSHIP, MECHANICAL, TECHNICAL and more. We are grateful for such offerings for they are critical to the delivery of worship, successful spreading of the Word, outreach and the success of our Ministries. We are indeed blessed.

This year the Stewardship Pledge Card has two sides. One for TIME and TALENT. Figure out how much time you can spend helping with our missions. One hour a month, an hour a week, an hour a day, whatever it is that fits your busy schedule. Then if you have talents that you think can help our ministries, let us know. Finally figure out which ministries you want to help with.

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the might.

We are furthermore blessed with an abundance of offerings by our parishioners of their TREASURE. These offerings are up 17% over last year and go far in the enabling and implementation of the roles of our ministries, outreach and operations. Unfortunately, there is still a shortfall between offerings received and expenditures. Your council continues to work hard to reduce expenses (about 12.9% year to date). Your ministries continue to encourage and welcome visitors, guests and new members (up about 13.3% this year). To overcome the shortfall, we encourage an increase of the offering of TREASURE by 20% to a needed weekly average of \$40.00 per parishioner family. We are more than appreciative of all offerings that can be afforded, especially by those of more modest means. But can that not be made up by those who have greater abundance. We are indeed blessed.

The other side of the pledge card details how much of God’s Treasure you can give back to the Lord. Please complete both sides of the pledge card and leave in the offering tray or give it to one of the sides-persons in the back.

Tell out my soul, the glories of his word.

John (17:10) *And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; I am glorified in them.*

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