

November 15 – The Gift God Sees: Generosity as Trust

In the bustle of the Temple, amid the sound of many coins, Jesus notices two small ones—and the courageous heart behind them. This Sunday, we will step into that moment and ask what generosity looks like through God's eyes. Join us for worship as we consider gifts measured not by their size, but by the trust, love, and faith with which they are offered.

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 8:11b-14
Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. **12** Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. **13** Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. **14** Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it.

Mark 12:41–44, The Widow's Offering
41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Questions for Further Reflection

- What does your generosity reveal about where you place your trust?
- How can we encourage wholehearted giving without overlooking the dignity and needs of vulnerable people?
- What gift of time, ability, attention, or resources might God be inviting you to offer in love?

Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** Acts 20:35
- **Tuesday:** Luke 6:38
- **Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 15:10
- **Thursday:** Matthew 6:2
- **Friday:** Matthew 19:21