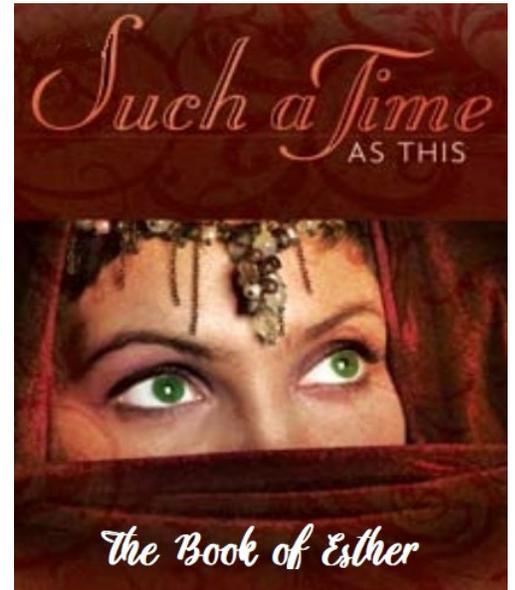




**Order of Worship for
GENEROSITY SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2020, 10:30am**



CHIMES

MUSIC

Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley (1712-1786)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCAL INTROIT

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

F.R. Havergal (circa 1876)

GATHERING PRAYER

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

NCH 565

AUSTRIAN HYMN

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:4-17 (NRSV)

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them.

⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the

king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people. ⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹“All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.” ¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶“Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.” ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

REFLECTION: For a Time Such as This

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

MUSIC

Born for This

Mandisa Lynn Hundley (b. 1976)

Madison Finke, Warburton Music Intern

Feels like I've been holding my breath,
Trying to still my restless heart
Everything hangs on my next step,
Finding my nerve, playing my part.
I found shelter underneath His crown,
Found favor inside His eyes
Rock this boat, and I just might drown.
Honesty seems to come with a price
There's a time to hold your tongue,
Time to keep your head down
There's a time but it's not now.
Sometimes you gotta go, uninvited
Sometimes you gotta speak,
When you don't have the floor
Sometimes you gotta move,
When everybody else says you should stay
No way, no, not today.

You gotta ask, if you want an answer
Sometimes you gotta stand apart from the crowd,
Long before your heart could run the risk
You were born for this,
You were born for this.
I'm leaning on the ones before me,
My father's father's dreams
I'm standing on the top of their shoulders,
Calling the One delivering me.
There's a time to hold your tongue,
Time to keep your head down
There's a time but it's not now.
Sometimes you gotta go, uninvited
Sometimes you gotta speak,
When you don't have the floor
Sometimes you gotta move,
When everybody else says you should stay
No way, no, not today
You gotta ask, if you want an answer
Sometimes you gotta stand apart from the crowd
Long before your heart could run the risk
You were born for this
You were born for this
One step, one move
Born to trust You
Made to lay my
Life before You
Sometimes you gotta go, uninvited
Sometimes you gotta speak
When you don't have the floor
Sometimes you gotta move,
When everybody else says you should stay
No way, no, not today
You gotta ask, if you want an answer
Sometimes you gotta stand apart from the crowd
Long before your heart could run the risk
You were born for this
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DEDICATION OF FINANCIAL AND VOLUNTEER PLEDGES

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

BLESSING

MUSIC

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

B. Marcello (1686-1739)

*Our thanks to the everyone who created today's service.
Go in peace!*

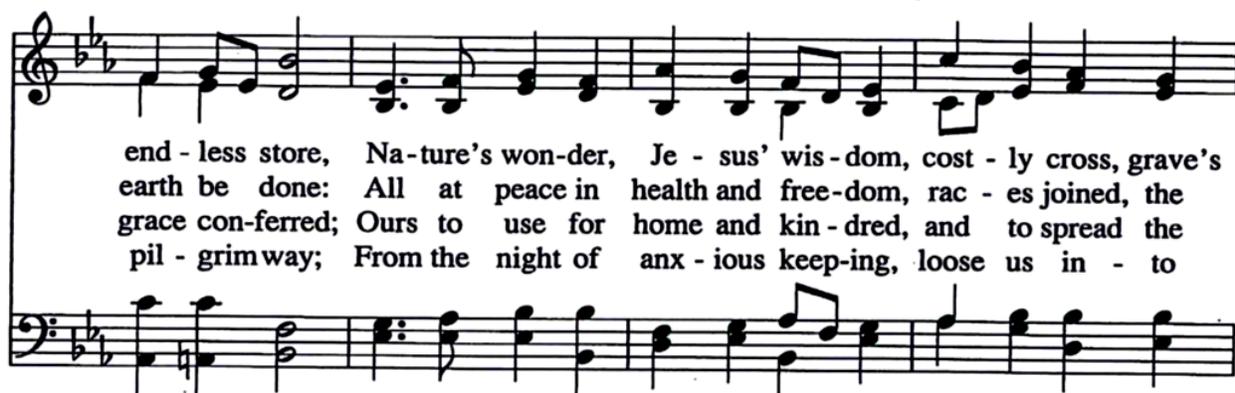
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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing,
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL