

Our Offering: A Prayer for All Church Clean-Up Sunday

Our offering today is our gift of time and talent. However, if you would like to leave a monetary gift, there are offering plates in the back. Thank you for gifting your time, talent, and treasure.

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. As stewards of Your Abundance, move us, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully. As the Spirit moves us to give of our time and talent today, bless our hands and hearts as we respond with gratitude to our call to be faithful stewards of these church buildings and grounds. Everything is a gift from you. So, today, as we wash windows and pews, weed and prune, paint and put hammer to nail, may we do so with a generous and grateful heart. May our work today be a blessing to others as we continue to make these spaces a bright and safe place where all are welcome.

***Hymn**

“Spirit of Love”

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Benediction

Benediction Response

“Go Now In Peace” by Don Besig

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Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Unison
Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Spirit of Love

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

1 Spir - it of love, you move with - in cre - a - tion,
 2 Though we have frayed the fab - ric of your mak - ing,
 3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven,

draw - ing the threads to col - or and de - sign:
 tear - ing a - way from all that you in - tend,
 you are the frame that holds us to the truth,

Life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
 Yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing—
 Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en—

come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
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Originally titled "Weaver Spirit," this text was written for the World Council of Churches Assembly at Canberra. It addressed one of the themes of that meeting—"Come, Holy Spirit, Reconcile Your People."

Tune: PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10.
Joseph Barnby, 1889