



Dear St. Paulers,

On behalf of St. Paul UMC's "All Creatures Great and Small" stewardship team, we're writing to share the good news about this year's campaign, and to invite you to help with this important, joyful work.

Last week you received a letter from Pastor Cassie, reflecting on how being a "steward" isn't just about giving a gift – it's about protecting a path, watching over a house, helping to take care of what matters most for the wider community.

In Psalm 104, an ancient song of celebration, the singer praises God as the creator and caretaker of every creature, from the biggest whale to the smallest sparrow, blessing all of us with breath, life, nourishment, and a bright and beautiful world. In fact, Psalm 104 is the first time in the Bible the word "*Hallelujah*," (meaning, "Praise God!") is used, an exclamation inspired by the beauty of creation.

*Hallelujah!* for creating, redeeming, and sustaining the birds of the air and fish of the sea. *Hallelujah!* For creating human beings in the divine image, called to be stewards: protecting the most vulnerable, caring for those in need, speaking up for the unheard.

*Hallelujah!* for creating the gift of the church, a community called to this protecting, caring, and speaking up – not for our own benefit alone, but for the love of the world. *Hallelujah* for stewardship!

Below you will find a link where you can download a pledge card or the link to fill it out virtually. You can also find printed pledge cards just inside the St. Paul UMC Sanctuary. We have also attached an "all ages" pledge poster, perfect for coloring, posting on the fridge, or sharing with us in worship (bring it to church!). We will also have these available at worship on Sunday. Our hope is that our hearts are filled with gratitude for the gifts in our lives and the call to be good stewards, so all our neighbors might thrive.

In joy and hope,  
The "All Creatures Great and Small" Stewardship Team

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p.s. Don't forget to join us on Sunday September 22 for our special worship service in which we will celebrate the many ways that God blesses our lives here at St. Paul UMC, in our Grant Park community, and in the world beyond.



O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. + Psalm 104:24