

AUDIO RECORDING WORSHIP WORKSHEET – 3/20/20

“Humanity bears God’s image – we belong to God!”

Welcome

Organ Prelude “Abide with Me”

Toni DiCapua

Call to Worship

HYMN of PRAISE no. 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we are living in anxious times. The daily news can be overwhelming, and at times we feel fearful and worried. Help us, O God, to cast our cares upon You, knowing that You care for us and You will lift us up. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Ben Ball

Gloria Patri

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:13-17

Sermon: “We Belong to God”

Anne Swanson

SOLO: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes? (see text, next page)

Leland Morine

Prayers of the People

Richard Dinwiddie

*Closing Hymn: no. 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes?

(Tune: "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

"Is it lawful to pay taxes when they prop up Caesar's rule?"
So some people asked of Jesus, wanting him to seem a fool.
Saying "no" would be sedition; saying "yes" would be a sin.
Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.

"Find a tax coin in your treasure; see the image that it bears.
Give to Caesar what is Caesar's. (Give to rulers what is theirs.)"
Yet he pressed on with his message; "Give to God what is God's own."
We who bear our Maker's image worship God and God alone.

Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —
That we have an obligation to support the common good.
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand
So that life will be made better for all people in this land.

Still, we also hear your teaching: "Give to God what God is due."
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;
May we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.

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