

## **“Generosity” Resources**

### **Worship Reflection**

Click [here](#) to listen to “Reckless Love” – the first song in Andrew’s worship video. Reflect on the way God’s generosity is captured in this song and listen for God’s invitation to you personally.

### **AND/OR:**

### **Reflective Reading**

Spend some time practicing God’s presence while reading through the prayer on the following pages by Walter Brueggemann. If you like, turn it into a reflective reading or “lectio divina”:

Read it slowly three times. If you are with others, read aloud, with several different readers, briefly pausing in between.

The first time you read, listen for a word or phrase that jumps out at you. During the second reading, consider how that word or phrase relates to your life. During the third reading, listen for the invitation God wants to offer you through that word or phrase.

Take some time to share your insights and experience with one another.

### **AND/OR**

**Discuss** (Use any or all of the following):

- Are there places in your life where you are experiencing scarcity? Can you invite God into that place and see what our generous God might want to offer you?
- Can you imagine ways God is calling our community to embody God’s generosity in the world?

## **“On Generosity”**

Walter Brueggemann

On our own, we conclude:  
there is not enough to go around

we are going to run short  
of money  
of love  
of grades  
of publications  
of sex  
of beer  
of members  
of years  
of life

we should seize the day  
seize our goods  
seize our neighbours goods  
because there is not enough to go around

and in the midst of our perceived deficit  
you come  
you come giving bread in the wilderness  
you come giving children at the 11th hour  
you come giving homes to exiles  
you come giving futures to the shut down  
you come giving easter joy to the dead  
you come – fleshed in Jesus.

and we watch while  
the blind receive their sight  
the lame walk  
the lepers are cleansed  
the deaf hear

the dead are raised  
the poor dance and sing

we watch  
and we take food we did not grow and  
life we did not invent and  
future that is gift and gift and gift and  
families and neighbours who sustain us  
when we did not deserve it.

It dawns on us – late rather than soon-  
that you “give food in due season  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

By your giving, break our cycles of imagined scarcity  
override our presumed deficits  
quiet our anxieties of lack  
transform our perceptual field to see  
the abundance.....mercy upon mercy  
blessing upon blessing.

Sink your generosity deep into our lives  
that your muchness may expose our false lack  
that endlessly receiving we may endlessly give  
so that the world may be made Easter new,  
without greedy lack, but only wonder,  
without coercive need but only love,  
without destructive greed but only praise  
without aggression and invasiveness....  
all things Easter new.....  
all around us, toward us and  
by us

all things Easter new.

Finish your creation, in wonder, love and praise. Amen.”