

# Dedication & Blessing Service

## GATHERING WORDS

The ancient Israelites believed that their fields and properties were gifts of God, and they were simply stewards of them. Because of this, they did God-people things with them, like leaving the corners of their fields and crop for the hungry or welcoming the stranger and refugee into their homes.

Today, we remember and give thanks that our church property, our “field,” is also a gift of God, and we, too, are called to do God-people things with it.

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God, you are the source of every blessing, even our church facilities,  
*for “every good and perfect gift is from above.”*

You bless us with devoted volunteers and leaders, and we give thanks for them,  
*for they know that “the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance.”*

So today, as we dedicate and bless these renovation projects,  
*we ask in the words of the psalmist, “Establish the work of our hands!”*

Like you, our host, who prepares a table of abundance before us,  
*may our new kitchen serve children and guests alike, so that all may taste and see your abundant hospitality.*

Like the Spirit-wind of Pentecost,  
*may our new HVAC system deliver fresh and renewing air to all.*

Like a lamp set high to give light to the whole house,  
*may our new sign glorify you because it shines with our good deeds.*

Like the little tents your people set up in the wilderness,  
*may our new shed be a shelter for our work and journey with you.*

Like John the Baptist who prepared the way of the Lord,  
*may our new welcome-way lead to changed hearts and lives.*

Like the field whose harvest is the fruits of the Spirit,  
*may our new offices yield a harvest of fruitful, Spirit-filled ministry.*

Like the Christians in Acts who devoted themselves to learning and fellowship,  
*may our Koinonia Room be a space for growing and friendship.*

Like how you wash us clean and renew our purpose in the waters of baptism,  
*may our new washer-dryer room clean and renew all that’s washed there.*

Like you who invite us to rest,  
*may our new accessible and welcoming restrooms refresh all who enter.*

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1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

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cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.