

Grounded and Growing—Bearing Fruit Week 5

Generosity & Kindness

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***Call to Worship**

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**All: All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

—Psalm 86:8–10 ^{NRSVUE} Laura De Jong © 2026 [ReformedWorship.org](#) CC BY-NC-SA 4.0.

***Song**

[“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”](#) Neander, Winkworth

***God’s Greeting**

***Mutual Greeting**

***Song**

[“Let All Things Now Living”](#) Davis

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,
you made this world from a place of pure delight.
From the outpouring of your love came
daffodils and walruses,
mighty fir trees,
and the whole breadth of humanity.
Everything we have is a gift from you.
But we want to hoard those gifts
and convince ourselves that the good things in our life

are of our own making.
In our pride we enthrone ourselves upon
the piles of our possessions,
trophies, accomplishments—
even our acts of righteousness and obedience.
From this place of self-righteousness,
we revel in holding grudges against those who have wronged us,
hoarding our mercy and forgiveness.
O God, do not repay us in kind.
When we have tumbled off our thrones
and fallen at your feet, humbled and chastened,
forgive us.
By your Spirit enlarge our hearts
that we might receive life as a gift,
and be generous with our lives in return.
For we are followers of Christ Jesus,
who gave everything, laying down his life for us.
We want to be like Jesus, God.
Help us.
Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon & Response of Praise

Friends, hear the good news:

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

—Romans 5:8–11 ^{NRSVUE}

Offering

Song during offering

["Speak, O Lord"](#) Getty & Townend

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading

Luke 10:25–37, 1 Timothy 6:17–19

Sermon

The Life that is Truly Life

Prayer****Song***

["We Are An Offering"](#) Liles

****God's Blessing*******Song***

["Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"](#) Ken

*If you are able please stand in body or spirit.