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Plenty Good Room Stewardship 2027

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

Dear People of Grace,

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends around a table and told them not to be afraid. "In my Father's house there are many rooms," he said (John 14:2). It is a promise made to frightened people in an uncertain hour, and it is a promise about space – that God's house is not cramped, not rationed, not reserved for a favored few. God's abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God's house for all of us.

That phrase comes to us from the spirituals, sung by people who had every earthly reason to believe the world had no room for them, and who insisted otherwise. They sang about a kingdom with room to spare. This year, "Plenty Good Room" is our stewardship theme, and it invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us.

Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is more than enough. Enough for our families. Enough for our church. Enough for our neighbors. Scarcity is a persuasive preacher; it tells us to hold tight, to wait and see, to give from what is left over rather than from what we have been given. The gospel tells us something different, though.

One of the ways we live into that truth is by sharing our resources – our money, our time, and our talents – for the mission and ministry of Grace Church. These gifts are powerful and tangible. They support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ's love for this city. Every one of these things happen because people like you decided there was enough to share.

Over the next several weeks, we will hear from leaders in our parish about plenty good room and about how our generosity makes a difference. I hope that you will listen to them closely. They will tell the story better than I can.

In the meantime, I ask three things of you. Pray with this theme of plenty good room. Reflect on the resources God has placed in your care. And consider how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

A word about the pledge itself. Some among us are in a position to give larger sums than others, and that has always been true of the church. It is not about the amount. It is about the generosity of your giving, and about all of us having a hand in this work together. Whether your pledge is five dollars or five thousand, it belongs on the altar with everyone else's, and our hope is simply that all will participate.

Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God's house, and plenty good work for us to do.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy C. Froyen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Jeremy' being more prominent.

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