

We Don't Apologize for Taking Up the Offering

You will never hear any of us at the offering time say, "If you are a guest today please don't feel like you have to give." For one thing we know you are intelligent enough to figure out that you don't have to give. The reason we never say things like that is we want you to experience worship in its fullest.

Giving is a part of worship. It is our time to express our gratitude for all that God has done for us. We don't tell you that you don't have to sing with us. We invite you to sing to join us in worship. Since giving is a form of worship why would we disinvite you to experience that form of worship?

We WANT you to give as an expression of your own gratitude for God's blessing in your life but also to help us make our world a better place. Our mission statement is...(Give your churches mission statement). We take this seriously and every time someone gives here we work hard to use that money to fulfill the vision God has given us. Our goal is to impact our community and world for the better. When our members give they are helping fuel that work and vision.

We use the moments before taking up the offering to highlight how important your gifts are to helping us change our world. Then we leave it up to you to decide whether to give or not. That is the way we approach every aspect of worship here. Why would the offering time be any different?

So as our ushers come forward this morning we invite EVERYONE to feel free to worship the goodness of our God with an offering of praise to Him!