



Cotuit Federated Church  
*"Giving in Gratitude"*



*Fill your heart  
with all that God gives...*



Where your **TREASURE** is,  
there your **HEART** will be also.

Matthew 6:21

**A**n heirloom. Your grandmother's wedding ring, resized for your son to give to his beloved. A flag marking a life given in sacrifice for others. The oil stained index card the contains the recipe that will taste like Thanksgiving, that will taste like home. The black and white photograph of your great-grandfather whose eyes and integrity shaped your own. Treasures of great value passed down through the generations. Treasures of immense worth requiring eyes to see and time to experience.

The good news of Jesus is a treasure, which the generations before us have passed down and entrusted to our care. The apostle Paul said, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." Stewardship is our call to care for these gifts given to us by God's own hand.

The place where we invest our time and energy – where we invest our resources – will reveal and strengthen our character, our legacy. Giving in gratitude increases our love, strengthens our heart, builds our community, and allows the extraordinary light of Christ to shine in our ordinary, everyday lives. We invite you into the blessing of generosity -- as you offer yourself to God, the love of God will grow in your life.

  
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