

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question:** "We, in the congregation I attend, have started singing a "thankful" hymn during the contribution. I am a widow and have no one to ask concerning this." (name and location withheld)

**Answer:** Personally, I would not participate. I predict that it will not be long before there will also be hymns during the Lord's Supper. Some will argue that there is nothing in the New Testament that indicates that singing of a hymn during the offering is sinful. However, one of the purposes of New Testament worship is to clear the conscience of the worshiper (cf. Hebrews 9:9). **If the singing of a hymn during the offering offends your conscience, I suggest that you ask to speak to the elders (or leading men of the congregation), and express your concerns. This does not mean that others in the congregation are sinning, but if you cannot participate in faith, then, for you, it is sin (Romans 14:23).** Please do not allow their liberty to become a stumbling-block to you (1 Corinthians 8:9).

I share in your concern. I would not be comfortable with such actions at Sixth Avenue. **If the elders allowed the singing during the offering to continue, I would participate in the offering but refrain from singing.**

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