St. Paul says we should be regarded as "Stewards of the mysteries of God."
What in the world might that mean?

What’s meant by the word MYSTERY here?
If you hear someone say, "It's a mystery to me,"
that implies something they just can't figure out.
"A good mystery novel" is one that keeps you in suspense,
usually until the very end.

That word, "mystery," is used a lot in Church circles
Every time we celebrate Mass, right after we pray over the bread and wine,
the presider says "The MYSTERY of faith.
We talk about the mystery of the cross, . . . of the Trinity, . . . of the incarnation.

Our use of that term originates with the Greek word, MYSTERION
Refers to something that awaits disclosure
something so deep and rich and full with meaning
that its meaning will never be completely disclosed—exhausted

A really good friendship is a mystery —
there is always more to learn, to be discovered.

I have friendships that go back 40, 50 and even 70 years.
What's wonderful is that there never ceases to be something new.

So, what are the mysteries of God that we are privileged to steward?

Hints of that in all three readings today;

In the first reading God says,
"even if the tenderness of a mother
for the child that comes from her womb fails (something almost unthinkable)
I will never forget you."

Did you catch the end of the second reading?
St. Paul urges us not to judge one another.
He says, "At the time appointed,
God will bring to light what is hidden in darkness,
and will manifest the motives of our hearts."
You might be thinking, "Uh-oh, here it comes."
But the next words are:
"Then everyone will receive praise from God."
Maybe this is a God who really is on our side, despite our awful failures.

Then in the Gospel, there is what appears to be
all this "be happy, don't worry" talk.
Jesus says that the same God who provides for the birds
and who magnificently clothes the wildflowers will take care of you.
Can sound kind of pie-in-the-sky.

That's where the "stewards" part comes in.
The Kingdom of God is not only within us, but it is AMONG us.

Right now there is so much fear of "the other" among us.
Jesus gave his life to break down those fears, those walls
so that together we might become the stewards
of God's clothing and feeding and healing and comforting.

The ever-unfolding of the MYSTERY of God's love:
Together, we become the hands, the feet, the heart of God.
An outrageous mystery.

Story of young couple who had a number of children,
later they had a child with profound disabilities
who required constant attention and care.
Parish community came together and helped them for five years.
  They organized and provided meals
  They took the other kids to school and practices

That's how God intends care for us — communities of stewards
Us caring for one another. The Body of Christ.
Stewards of the mysteries of God.