25th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
November 15, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Let All Things Now Living* (setting of *Ash Grove)* Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)

We Gather Together (setting of Kremser) Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**
Leader: We lift our eyes to you.
People: We raise our voices.
Leader: The day of the Lord is near,
People: coming like a thief in the night.
Leader: The day of the Lord is near;
People: the day is coming quickly.
Leader: The day of the Lord is near,
People: and we are your good and faithful servants.
Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***Call to Confession**
Leader: As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt. Knowing that God loves us and embraces us, let us bring our confessions to God.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)
God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you.
A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
Leader: God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we may live with him. Praise be to Christ! Alleluia! This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***We Share God's Peace**
Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Commitment of Pledges for 2027

***Prayer of Dedication**

Special Music *Romance in F-sharp for Piano Opus 28, No. 2* Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 123 (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Message
(Children grades K-6 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Sermon ***"God Has Destined"*** The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
mercy upon us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People…The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *March in D Major* Alexandre Guilmant
Opus 39, No. 3 (1937-1911)

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Lectionary readings for November 22, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46