Pastoral Prayer (Sharing of Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer *(shared in unison)*
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

*Benediction/Sending Forth
As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go and the God of peace will always go with you. Amen.

*Response "Bless Us Now"
Bless us now as we depart, watch o'er us, God, while we're apart; Give strength to conquer daily strain, and bring us to Thy house again. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Resources
Call to Worship
https://ministrymatters.com/2026-02-03_november_15_2026_twenty-fifth_sunday_after_pentecost/
Opening Prayer, Benediction
https://ministrymatters.com/2020-10-03_worship_connection_november_19_2023/

Stewardship
a way of life

Next Week, November 22, is Stewardship Sunday.
Please bring your 2027 commitment card.



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Order of Worship **November, 15 2026**
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Series: Faithful Stewardship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder: *"We must remember we are stewards of what God has provided for us, not owners."* Joyce Meyer

Introit Chancel Choir

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)
L: Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth.
P: We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.
L: Awaken your mind to the mysteries of God.
P: We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.
L: Notice your blessings and gifts, miraculously given by God.
P: We offer our lives and gifts to bless and grow God's love in the world.

*Opening Hymn "Trust and Obey" No.467

Opening Prayer *(shared in unison*)
Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from captivity into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(shared in unison)*
Merciful God, we have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your Gospel: Christ, have mercy.

We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord, have mercy.

Moment for silent personal confession

Words of Assurance
God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners,
Christ died for us. Confident in God's free gift of forgiveness, I declare to you: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

1st Scripture Reading (New Testament) 1Thessalonians 5:1-11
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Chancel Choir

Children's Moment Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

*2nd Scripture Reading (Gospel) Matthew 25:14-30
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87

Sermon "Faithful Stewardship" Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication *(shared in unison)*
Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. Amen.