ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kate Day Estes, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* WACHET AUF

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able)* AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.
From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:
Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch,
for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder
if we are watching and working for nothing.
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Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed
by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
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Family of God, whether you are weary or energized,
worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
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for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN – No. 405 UMH ***Seek Ye First*** SEEK YE

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us,
God of holiness, so you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words; you tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren and theirs.
Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace,
you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives,
and to open our hearts to those who are in need.
On this day, we choose to serve you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 70 UMH ***Gloria Patri*** GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!
(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Katy Manck, Reader

God, source of all light, you give light to the soul through your Word. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 369 UMH ***Blessed Assurance*** ASSURANCE

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor Stanley Larson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – Pg. 885 UMH *A MODERN AFFIRMATION*

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are all yours
now and forever. Amen

OFFERTORY

Watchful God, you call us to keep awake - to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 368 UMH ***My Hope Is Built*** THE SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Once to Every Man and Nation" EBENEZER

THE LORD'S DAY

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
Psalm 78:1-4

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we are made one with God

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