Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Pastor Tina Bacon I Supply Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick I Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller I Church Musician

Sunday, November 15, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

25th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist:* Warren Rauch

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* *Gray #20*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We are "pack rats", O Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver.

As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed Name, we pray. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: You are loved by God and given so many gifts to be used to help others. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you, continually blessing you and the gifts in your service.

People: Praise be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OLD TESTAMENT READING Judges 4:1-7

ANTIPHONAL PSALM Psalm 106

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

***HYMN** *"Near the Cross"* Gray#549

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON "Sympathy for the Frogs"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"* Gray #568

*__GIFTS and OFFERINGS__ *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



*__DOXOLOGY__

*__BENEDICTION__

*__CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING__ *God Be with You*
Gray #840 vs.1

__POSTLUDE__

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.
For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Sophia Rappl Raso, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: $2,355
Offering collection from November 8, 2026: $2,148
Current: $1,957 Benevolent: $56
Grace House: $70 Plymouth Crossroads: $65
Christmas Poinsettias: $45
Attendance on Sunday, November 8, 2026: 54

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fall Food Drive concludes today.** Thank you for your generous donations.
- Monday night completes our **Intro to Meditation: Peace classes.** Thank you.
- **Board Meeting** on November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22nd – **Stewardship dedication of Pledges/Turkey soup luncheon/Hat and glove drive begins.**
- **Churchill Memorial Methodist** Church will be hosting a community pre-Thanksgiving worship service at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th.
- Saturday, November 28th – **Men's Group** meeting to set-up the manger.
- Sunday, November 29th – **Communion/1st Sunday of Advent.**

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