November 15, 2026 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

Pastoral Greeting:

Call to Worship:
L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?
P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.
L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.
P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.
L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.
All: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise:**
"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" **UMH #399**

Prayer of Confession:
All: 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:

†Affirmation of Faith: **(Traditional Version)** **UMH #881**

***Gloria Patri:** **(Glory Be to the Father)** **UMH #70**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ:**

Prayer for Illumination:
All: Father, As we open Your Holy Word, send the light of Your Spirit into our hearts. Remove every distraction that would keep us from hearing Your voice. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts willing to obey. Teach us what You would have us know. Convict us where we need correction. Challenge us where we need growth. Transform us by the power of Your Word. May Jesus Christ be exalted and may Your truth change our lives forever. In His name we pray. Amen.

N.T. Epistle Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible Pg. 837**

***N.T. Gospel Scripture:** **Matthew 25:14-30 Pew Bible Pg. 702**

Hymn of Preparation: **"Lord, Be Glorified"** **TFWS #2150**

Message: **Jay W. Brown, CLM/OSL**

***Special Music:** **"O How He Loves You and Me"** **TFWS #2108**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: **(see bulletin)**

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

Prayer of Dedication:

***The Doxology:** **UMH #95**

***Closing Hymn:** **"Soon and Very Soon"** **UMH #706**

Benediction and Going Forth:

Postlude: **"Make Me A Servant"** **TFWS #2176**



Church Annoucements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m

Weekly Bible Study
Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC

(Any questions please check with either Lettie-Jane or the Pastor)

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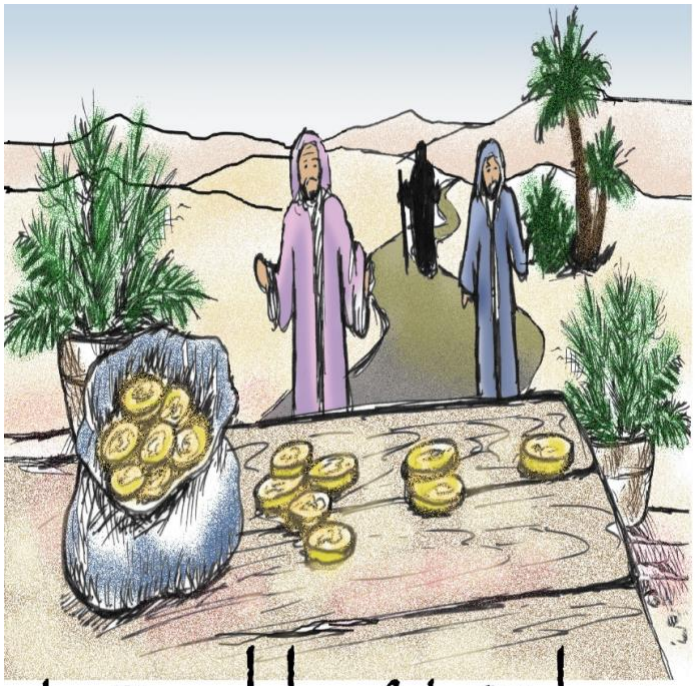

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