November 15, 2026 9:30 am
25th Sunday after Pentecost



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: *An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in* ***BOLD*** *indicates everyone says them together.* ***NCH*** *is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.*

Children: *Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a* Prayer Ground *set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do. Sunday School is offered after the Message for All. All are welcome. Sunday School is offered after the Message for All. Come and join the fun!*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude *Passion Chorale* Terry Osman

Welcome and Community Connections

Introit *We Gather Together* Lavon Bayler

***Call to Worship**
One: When the disciples were weighed down with worry,
Many: Jesus assured them that they were not alone.

One: When the disciples were burdened by their fears,
Many: Jesus calmed their troubled hearts.
One: When we struggle with our faith,
Many: Jesus blesses us with comfort and hope.
One: When our world is still filled with injustice,
Many: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will blow through our lives and heal our hearts.
All: Let us love kindness, do justice, and humbly walk the way together.
Amen

*** Prayer of Confession**
Holy God, we confess that when our hearts are troubled, we can resort to hand-wringing, doom-scrolling and preaching to the choir. We ask what we should bring to you, believing that more, bigger, and shinier will be enough, when you have already shown us what is good. We hold back justice. We save our kindness for those who are like us. We rush ahead instead of walking humbly. We don't ground ourselves in your Way. Calm our anxieties and heal our communities. Help us to know and to share the wholeness of being seen. Strengthen our hearts in generosity and justice, so more might know your Way. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Hymn**	*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*	NCH 179

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture	**Micah 1:1-5; 5:2-5; 6;6-8**	
Anthem	*As the Grains of Whea*t	Marty Haugen
Gospel	**John 14:1-14**	

Message for All

Prayer of Jesus
Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. After the Message for All, children are invited to participate in Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call To Prayer	*We Gather Together*	Lavon Bayler

Stewardship Moment

Offertory	*Reflection on "Beach Spring"*	Ryan H. Jones

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**
Loving God, we recognize our shared abundance, and we know that others suffer scarcity. We do not come with thousands of rams or rivers of oil. We come with what we have, so that justice may be done, kindness may be shown, and burdens may be lightened. Bless our gifts, our times, our efforts as steps on the Way. In gratitude, we share. In gratitude, we know Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People
During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** *When the Gifts of God Surprise Us* David Bjorlin tune: BEACH SPRING NCH 332

When the gifts of God surprise us
and our joy must find a voice,
when the earth is brimmed with glory
and compels us to rejoice;
sing for beauty in abundance.
Sing for myteries we share.
Sing for marvels that revive us.
Sing for wonder ev'rywhere.

When relationships are broken
and no call for peace is heard,
when our diff'rences define us,
and divisions seem assured:
sing to join our scattered voices.
Sing to name how we agree.
Sing to bridge all that divides us.
Sing to form community.

When injustice grows around us
and the truth gives way to lies,
when the violent build an empire
and the strong suppress the wise:
sing down jails of hate that cage us.
Sing down idols we hold dear.
Sing down strongholds of oppression.
Sing down fortresses of fear.

When the love of God defines us
and relationships are healed,
when injustice is defeated
and the reign of Christ revealed:
sing with breath the Spirit gives us.
Sing for justice that will be.
Sing down praise through endless ages.
Sing for grace that sets us free.

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Molly James

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