November 8, 2026 9:30 am
24th 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

Welcome and Community Connections

***Opening Song**

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 78)
One: Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.
All: We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.
One: Set your hope in God. Pass the Good News on to the next generation.
All: We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.
One: Set your hope in God, trust in Divine Presence.
All: We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in this Love and Grace!

*** Opening Prayer**
Wise and just God, we do not want to come before you with empty words and meaningless acts. We know that your love has the power to transform the world. We declare that grace can renew us and bring us wholeness. In the midst of this unsettled world - too often guided by the pursuit of power, privilege, and military intervention - open our hearts. We reject the othering of our neighbors and rise of fear. May we be a community which reflects your goodness and good news through our lives, in word and action. Amen.

***Hymn** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* NCH 476, vss 1, 2, & 4

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture **2 Kings 5:1-15a**

Anthem

Gospel **Matthew 8:2-3**

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

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

Offering ***There Your Heart Will Be***

Offertory **Marty Smith**

***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 and Thanksgiving**
All: Loving God, accept our offerings and pledges as a response to our love, faith, and hope. Expand our ability to see and hear the needs of our community inside and outside of the walls of this building. May our gifts be a source of healing for a broken world. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out** *You Are The Seed* NCH 528, vss 1&2

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Readers: Ulrika Swawnson and John Koeppe
Media Room: Bill Jetzer
Usher: Steve Gorton
Fellowship: Sonjia Short
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