

The liturgical color is green the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
PRELUDE	"Jubilant Celebration" Canticle Bells	Joel Raney
WELCOME	Rich Elwell, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: Rejoice always! Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus. People: We come to remember the Giver of every good gift and to rediscover the lost art of gratitude. Leader: Wesley urged the people of God: “Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can”— not for greed, but for the good of neighbor and the glory of God. People: We come to be renewed in generous hearts, grateful for work, for wisdom, and for the chance to serve. Leader: Encourage one another and build each other up, as indeed you are doing. People: We come to lift up one another in faith, to rejoice, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in every season. Leader: The Spirit of God is among us—kindling joy, stirring gratitude, guiding our use of every gift. People: We will worship with thankful hearts, offering our lives and resources in praise to the One from whom all blessings flow.		
*OPENING HYMN	"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"	UMH 160
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER Gracious and generous God, You are the source of every good gift—life, work, wisdom, and the means to bless others. Forgive us when we forget to give thanks or cling too tightly to what is meant to be shared. Teach us again the joy of grateful hearts, that we may earn and save with integrity, give with compassion, and live in constant prayer and thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ, who gives all for us. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE	Luke 16:9-11 NIV, p. 740	
<i>Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time</i>		
ANTHEM	"Praise and Exaltation" Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist	Joseph M. Martin
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		
SILENT PRAYER		

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"A Prayer of Grateful Praise"

Mary McDonald

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF CENTERING

"Give Thanks"

TFWS 2036

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18 NRSV, p. 837

MESSAGE

"The Lost Art of Gratitude: Gain All You Can"

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

UMH 664

Hymn History: The music to this hymn is base on a Welsh Folk song, Ash Grove (Llwyn Onn in the Welsh language). This tune has been arranged and words written for it by many composers over the years, including Ludvig Van Beethoven. It has been used in miniseries on British television and the tune was sung by a group of Welsh coal miners in the movie *How Green Was My Valley*. The words we sing today were written by Omer Westendorf (1916-1997). He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and served as choirmaster of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Cincinnati for forty years. He composed in English and his hymns were some of the first used by the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II permitted the Mass to be celebrated in the local language. Westendorf established the World Library of Sacred Music in Cincinnati in 1950, importing liturgical music from Europe to the U.S.

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX " Marcello

Prayer of dedication written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Altar Flowers are presented by Sally Carr
In Loving Memory of parents, Cecil O. and Margaret Sprague

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Joyce Snyder
In Loving Memory of Larry E. Phillis


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Traditional Worship | October 12, 2025



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