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Sunday Worship Service November 15, 2026 10:30 am

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
Ephesians 4:16

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus. The Lord is with us! Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. **Amen.**

*HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God's mercies, let us therefore confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of light, because we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear, for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

ANTHEM "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON "Entrusted with Talents"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
***HYMN** #428 (Verse 1) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SONG "Love the Lord Your God"
We will remain seated as we sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Our tradition is joining hands for our final song. For those who'd prefer not to join hands, raising your hands in a prayer or praise position signals this to your neighbor.

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to today's liturgist, Norm Lopez.