

November 15, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us immediately after the service downstairs in McMullen Hall for coffee and treats.

Parents, Sunday School for ages 4 to 11 will begin after worship.

While in this sacred space, please silence your cell phones.

Please hold your applause for music until the end of worship.

↑*(Indicates a time when you are requested to stand in body or spirit.)*

Silent Meditation
"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." - T.S. Eliot

Prelude *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* *John Rutter*

Welcome to Worship
One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
ALL: You are welcome here.

Announcements & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship (adapted from Teri Peterson)
One: We come here from mountaintop and valley
All: from highways and quiet streets.
One: We come here with joys and concerns
All: with expectations and excuses.
One: We come here seeking Christ
All: to know and follow his way.

Prayer for Transformation (adapted from Joanna Harader)
All: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace,
to serve each other in love and humility,
to serve your world with wisdom and energy.
Forgive us when we stumble over our own pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Turn our hearts when we act selfishly.
Restore our energy when it is gone.
Sometimes — many times — O God, our efforts fail.
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,
and forgiveness is ours.
For this we give thanks.
Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Grace

↑Passing of the Peace

Centering Song *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* *NCH #425*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11/NRSVUE)

Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:14-30/NRSVUE)

Reflection *Rev. Brent Gundlah*

Stewardship Moment *Martha Bale*

Call to Offering

Offering Song *"Sometimes"* *Henry Mancini*

↑Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Transgender Day of Remembrance
(by Leo Bancroft, Reconciling Works)
All: God of love, you weep with us in our grief and fear. Enfold in your loving embrace all those in our trans community lost to death this year. You know their names, Divine Creator, even when they are misnamed or misgendered as a last act of violence and erasure. You see each one as beloved and call them by their chosen name. You claim them as your children.
God of peace, give comfort to those who mourn. Give courage to our trans communities in the face of cruelty and harassment. Bring to justice those who perpetrate this violence.
Challenge us, O Holy One, to speak out for those who are silenced, to stand with those who are bullied, and to go with those who face danger. God of wonder, you are beyond gender. You made each of us in your image. Be with us today and always as we long for a day when every individual is safe and known and honored.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings us all together in one human family. Amen.

Lighting of Candles in Honor of Our Transgender Siblings Impacted by Violence

Jesus Prayer

↑Words of Mission and Benediction

Closing Song "Come, O Thankful People Come" NCH #422

Dismissal for Sunday School

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Reader: Amy Boettger, Slides: Dale Berreth
Video: Paul Ford, Sound: Carl Adams
Music: HUCC Choir

Worship services at HUCC are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Your presence here today is your consent to being part of that broadcast.

Upcoming Events

Glendale Collection every Wednesday at South entrance.

Gatherings Book group meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Chapel.

Operation Sandwich on Thursday, November 19th at 4 pm in the Kitchen.

Caring Ministry Meeting on Zoom on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 pm.

Serving evening meal at St. Vincent's on Friday, November 20th at 4:30 pm.

HUCC Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th at 4 pm.

Plant Based Eating Group meets Friday December 4th, 5:30 pm, at Keyaki Sushi.

HUCC Bible Study meets Thursdays through Dec 10 (except Thanksgiving Day) at 5:00 pm in MacMullen Hall.