Service of Worship
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17: The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.
When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.
When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

Hymn of Gathering #835 **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised us hope that reaches beyond our fears, love that is stronger than death, and a future held securely in your hands. Yet we sometimes live as though our hope is limited to what we can see and understand. Grief overwhelms us, uncertainty discourages us, and fear creeps into our faith. Forgive us when we fail to find comfort in your grace or offer that comfort to others. Help us when the very real difficulties of life cause us to lose hope. Renew our trust, strengthen our faith, and help us live as a people of resurrection.
Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen**.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.1148)

Sermon Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation

Offering

Doxology – Hymn #606 **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending #837 **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

Benediction