

November 12th, 2023
24th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Seek Ye First #405

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: *Welcome*

***HYMN: Walk with Me** #2242

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are pulled in many directions.

P: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

L: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

P: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

L: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

P: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return, we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

***HYMN: Blessed Assurance** #369

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: The Summons** #2130

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
