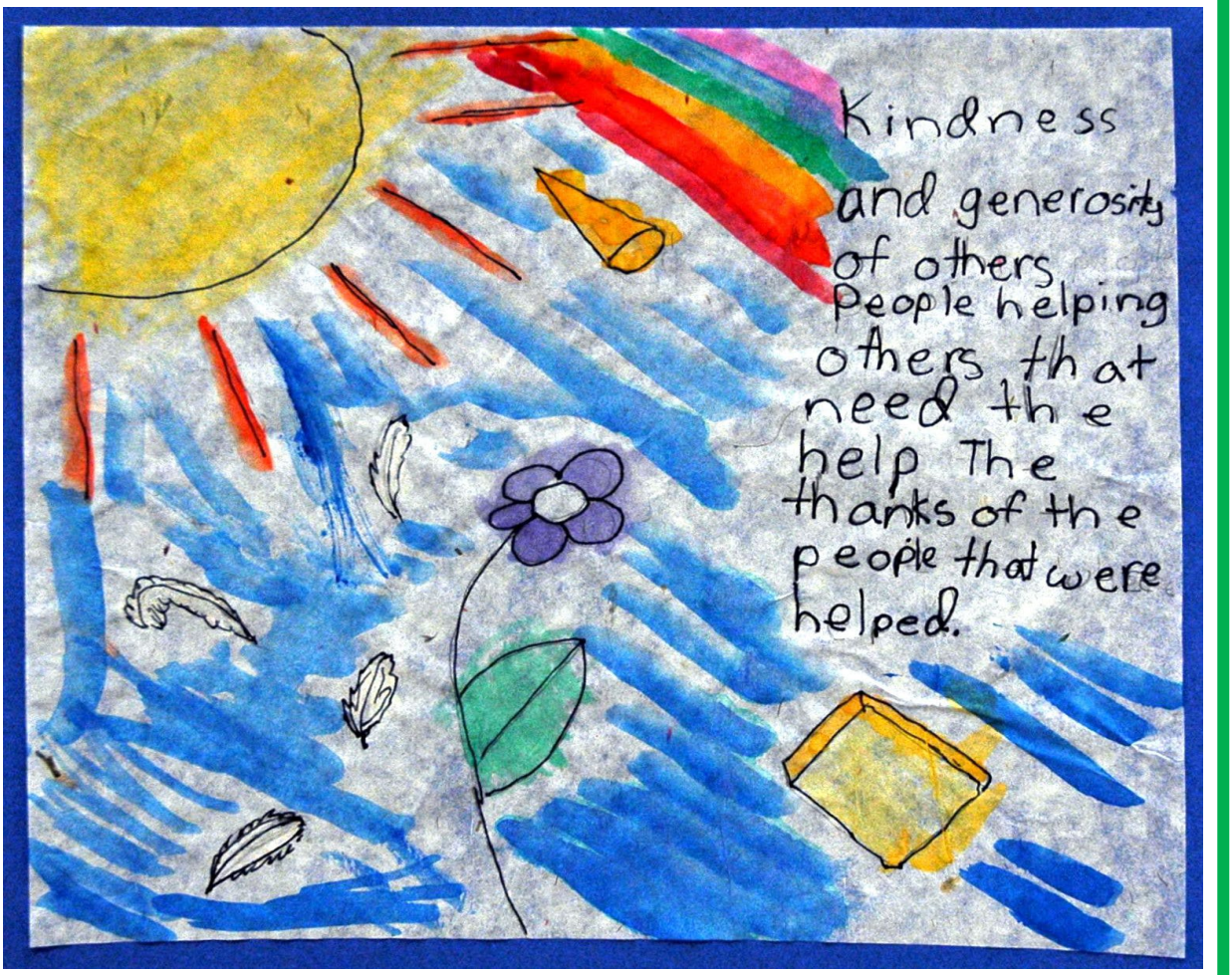


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November 15, 2026 **Order of Worship** **25th Sunday After Pentecost**

Where you see an asterisk (*), please rise in body or spirit.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — "Nun danket alle Gott" ("Now Thank We All Our God")
— Johann Ernst Rembt
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRELUDE — "St. George's Windsor" ("Come, Ye Thankful People Come") — Charles Callahan
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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God comes out into the world, striding down with power and purpose,
People: and all creation responds.
Leader: From the smallest town to the largest city, from the heights of joy to the darkest valley,
People: God calls us to faithfulness.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN #367 — "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You stride down into the world with purpose, breaking the chains that bind us to systems of power and calling us to your way of peace. We confess that we can't imagine any other way of organizing ourselves than the society and economy and politics we have now. Forgive us when we think all we need is a different person in power, when you call us to completely re-order our ways. We confess that we keep looking for something we can do to impress, rather than simply doing what you already taught us to do. Forgive us when we say we'd do anything for you, except the hard work of justice and love. Forgive us and set us free from the need to curate our image, that we may walk humbly with you into abundant life.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA #583**
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30) — "Offertory" (Micah 6:6-8) — John Ness Beck
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) — Sherry Lundry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Micah 1:1-5; 5:2-5a— pp. 861, 865 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Micah 6:6-8— p. 866 in OT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE — "Minimum Requirements"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #36 — "For the Fruit of All Creation"** (10:30 only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35 in *Glory to God* hymnal)

TESTIMONY (10:30) — Share God's Abundance: TREASURE — Bill Nottage-Tacey

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30) — "Let Us Love One Another" — Arnold Sherman
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OFFERING OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Presentation of Food and Pledges

***Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #697 — "Take My Life"** (8:30 vv. 1, 4, and 6)

***ALL-CHURCH PRAYER** (back of bulletin insert)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — "Day by Day"** — Martin How

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***POSTLUDE — "St. George's Windsor" ("Come, Ye Thankful People Come")** — Alan Bullard

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