WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *With His Blessing* Chester Nordman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 123
I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.
We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

***OPENING HYMN** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* UMH #121

***OPENING PRAYER** BOW #460
O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have not committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen
(The Book of Worship 1965)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Judges 4:1-7 Steven Gould

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Steven Gould

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

***PRAYER HYMN** *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* UMH #301

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Megan Gould

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Prelude on When He Cometh* Gordan Young

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON "Buried Treasure" Rev David Westmoreland

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* UMH #399

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Sigfried Karg-Elert

**Please stand as you are able*

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