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Our Mission…
to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

November 15th, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Campaign: "Grateful Living, Faithful Giving"

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able.* ***Bold* *print indicates a congregational response.*

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)* *~Joanne Diplock*

Greeting

*Opening Refrain: *#130 MV – **"Rise Up, Rise Up"*** (sung 2X) (Good)
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Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.
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Acknowledgement of the Land

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Anisininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle *~lit by Kathy Leech*

(Written by Scott Martin, with inspiration from *Godly Play*; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

There once was a wonderful man
who did wonderful things
and they said, "He is the light of the world."
In his light, the light of Christ, we gather.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

We also light a second candle, this one for peace,

and as we do, we pray for peace:
peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.
As we follow in the ways of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

CALL to WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 123)

(Adapted from Joan Stott from *The Timeless Psalms*; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.
Great is our God, and greatly to be praised!
Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.
Gracious is our God, and greatly to be praised!
Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.
Holy is our God, and greatly to be praised!
We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God.

*OPENING HYMN: *#187 MV – **"We Give Our Thanks"*** (Donaldson)

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1. **We give our thanks to God,**
   We give our thanks to God,
   We give our thanks to God,
   We give our thanks to God.
2. **We give our hands to you,**
   We give our hands to you,
   We give our hands to you,
   Because you reached for us.
3. **We give our eyes to you**
   We give our eyes to you,
   We give our eyes to you,
   Because you looked for us.
4. **We give our feet to you,**
   We give our feet to you,
   We give our feet to you,
   Because you walk with us.

5. **We give our hearts to you,**
We give our hearts to you,
We give our hearts to you,
Because you first loved us.

6. **We give our thanks to God,**
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God.

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Bill Steadman; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2025*.)

Holy One, as we come together,
may we be a people ready to reach out in love,
to act with commitment, and to serve with humility.
Be with us as we continue our journey of faith.
Give us new purpose within our lives,
and new energy as we follow in the ways of Jesus Christ,
through whom we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

~Children, Youth & their Leaders are invited to head downstairs for Kid Konnection (Sunday School) and Youth Group~

WE LISTEN FOR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Barrie McPherson*

Matthew 25: 14-30 – "The Parable of the Talents"

[Jesus told this parable:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew

that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Response to Scripture:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***"God is the Strength of My Heart"***

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REFLECTION: "Talents"

~Rev. Susan Reed

We Respond to God in Prayer and Action

INTRO to STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: *#191 MV –* ***"What Can I Do?"*** *(sung 1X)* (Rumbolt)

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What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS *~Sheila Fortier, Chair of the NKUC Unified Board*

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected* *~Joanne Diplock*

*Offertory Verse: VU#540 ***"Grant Us, God, the Grace"*** (anonymous)

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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

*Offertory Prayer (Inspired by Matthew 25:14-20)
(Written by Joanne Harader; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

God, whose giving knows no ending,
we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us;
we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us;
we offer up ourselves in service and praise.
Receive these gifts by your grace.
Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit
to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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,
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

We Are Sent into God's World

*CLOSING HYMN: *VU #506 –* ***"Take My Life and Let it Be"*** (Havergal)
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1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;

it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (Price/Besig)

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May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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