Sunday, November 15th, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit ***"Come, Let Us Gather"*** *Traditional*
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Call to Worship **Wendy Jones**
Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.
For God has made us and the earth that nurtures us.
Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.
For we are the bearers of divine blessing for the earth and its people.
Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children. Amen.

Hymn** ***"For the Fruit of All Creation" *NCH* ***#425***
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Prayer for Illumination **Wendy Jones**
Present God, we worship you and honor your name. Open our hearts with thanksgiving, awe, and possibility. Make your word be written on our hearts and your purpose ignite a fire within our souls. As we gather as a community, may our faith be renewed, our trust strengthened, and our courage increased. Be glorified in our midst, O God. Amen.

Anthem ***"A Song of Thanksgiving"*** *by Christopher Wordsworth*
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Scripture Matthew 25:1-13 **Wendy Jones**

Hymn** ***"Take My Life, God, Let It Be *NCH* ***#448***
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Sermon **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 ***"Let Thy Holy Presence"*** *by Pavel Tschesnokoff*
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Call to Generosity and Blessing of our Pledge Cards
Offertory

***Doxology** *Pilgrim Hymnal **#515** *[alternative words]*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**
God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Hymn** ***"Great Is Your Faithfulness" *NCH **#423***

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Benediction

Benediction Response ***"Go Now in Peace"*** *by Don Besig and Nancy Price*

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Postlude

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970



This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found set to various tunes.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Welsh traditional melody
Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, *Dublin, 1784*
Harm. L. O. Emerson, 1906
For another harmonization, see 82

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1



Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON

423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22–23 *Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

