

November 19, 2023 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

A SERMON "The Day of Reckoning"

HYMN PH #400 "More Love to Thee"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We don't know the day or the hour.

**Christ has promised to return.**

There is much to do in the meantime.

**We prepare for Christ's return in service and worship.**

\*HYMN PH #34 "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

**OPENING PRAYER** (David Sparks, adapted)

You call us to use the talents you have given us, O God. When we deny their existence, alert us to the insight of friends and loved ones. When we are afraid of what people will say, give us the confidence to risk. When we would keep them to ourselves, open our eyes to the increasing circles of need. When we hold back from a generous response, lift our eyes to Jesus on his cross. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

### PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

Response

### THE OFFERING

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Kirsten Linford, adapted)

**Take these gifts and our lives, O Holy One, our time, our talent, our treasure, and use them to encourage the hopeless, to build up the broken, and to heal the wounded souls in our world. Amen.**

HYMN PH#406 "Forth In Thy Name"

BENEDICTION