November 15, 2026 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 AM

***Those who are able, please stand**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Joy isn't found in material possessions or in what we accumulate, but in how we use the gifts God has given us to love and serve. We find our greatest happiness when we stop worrying about what we lack and start sharing what we have.

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 – 12:30
November 16, 2026 – Monthly Food Distribution from 10:00am – 1:00pm
November 17, 2026 – Wells House Lay Servant Services
November 19, 2026 – McDonald's Fundraiser –5-7pm Eat-In or Drive-Thru
November 19, 2026 - Gloversville Youth Session at 6:00pm at North Main
November 22, 2026 - Hanging of the Greens Church Decoration – After Church

MUSICAL PRELUDE **"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Pianist Mavis Baldwin**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)
Hear the good news: God's love is not measured by what we own, but by the grace freely given to us. We are forgiven, renewed, and blessed with gifts to share. Let us go forward with grateful hearts, knowing that God's joy is always within our reach. Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Leader: Let us gather with grateful hearts, for true joy is found not in the riches of this world.
People: We come thankful for the blessings we have received and for the gifts of God.

Leader: God calls us to be faithful, to share generously, and to use our talents.
People: Help us to see the joy in giving, the blessing in serving, and the beauty in caring.

Leader: Let us set aside our worries about what we lack and celebrate all that God has given.
People: May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our hands ready to serve.

All: Come, let us worship the God who gives us more than we could ever buy! Amen

GATHERING SONG **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)
Gracious and loving God, we with thankful hearts, recognizing that true joy is not found in the things we own, but in the love we share and the lives we touch. Forgive us when we become so busy chasing material things that we overlook the blessings already before us. Help us to use the gifts, talents, and opportunities You have placed in our hands. Amen

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE **"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH 420**

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **"God Sees the Heart" Chancel Choir**

DOXOLOGY **"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING
Gracious God, we thank You for the many blessings You place in our lives each day. Please accept these gifts, along with our time, talents, and hearts, as expressions of our love and gratitude. May today's offering help bring hope to those who are struggling, comfort to those who are hurting, and light to those living in darkness. May everything we give and everything we do help build Your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT **"When We Are Living"** **UMH 356**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(please stand)**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

GLORIA PATRI *(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)* **UMH 70**

PSALTER READING **Psalm 16:5-11** **UMH 748**

SCRIPTURE **Judges 4:1-7| Matthew 25:14-30**

SHARING THE STORY **"Enter the Joy" Pastor Thad**

SENDING SONG **"Soon and Very Soon"** **UMH 706**

THE SENDING FORTH
As we leave this place, may we seek joy beyond material things. Give us the courage to use our gifts to serve others, and the willingness to share our blessings. May we stop asking what more we can get and start asking what more we can give. Let our lives be a reflection of Your love and joy. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE **"Wings of a Dove" Pianist Mavis Baldwin**

Prayer List: Dominic Dorman, Nancy Marsh, Bob Baldwin, Pastor Brad Chesebro, Bob Mabie, John Goodell, Greg Gottung, James Medbury, James' Mother, Warren Baldwin, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Bev Bartlett, Mike and Kacey Frederick, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords and Don Williams

***** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902 or**
Email - prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com

Welcome to Worship

North Main Street United Methodist Church
316 North Main Street
Gloversville, New York 12078-2141

We Gather to Worship We Scatter to Serve

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

