November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth 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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus calls us to stay awake and ready for the coming of God's kingdom, but that also means keeping our eyes open to the needs of those around us today.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Loretta Mabie given by Bob Mabie.

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 – 12:30
Bible Study on Book of Revelation – Mondays 1:15pm
November 8th - Administrative Board Meeting after Coffee Hour
November 11th - Veterans Day – Office Closed
November 14th - Adirondack/Albany District Charge Conference
November 16th – Monthly Food Distribution from 10:00am – 1:00pm
November 17th - Wells House Service with Certified Lay Servants
November 19th – McDonald's Fundraiser 5:00-7:00pm
November 19th - Gloversville Youth Session 6:00pm at North Main
November 22nd - Hanging of the Greens after coffee hour

MUSICAL PRELUDE **"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" Pianist Mavis Baldwin**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)
Hear the good news: God never sleeps, never turns away, and never stops loving us. Even when we become distracted, weary, or fall short, God's grace is always there to awaken our hearts and renew our spirits. We are forgiven, we are loved, and we are called to shine God's light in the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Leader: Come, let us wake our hearts and lift our eyes to the Lord!
People: We come ready to worship, ready to listen, and ready to follow God's call.

Leader: Jesus reminds us to stay awake and be prepared for the coming of God's kingdom.
People: Help us, Lord, to see and recognize the needs of those around us.

Leader: Let our faith shine like lamps in the darkness of our world.
People: Fill us with compassion, kindness, and love so that we may serve our neighbors.

Leader: Let us choose this day whom we will serve!
All: As for us, we will serve the Lord! Let us worship God with awake hearts. Amen.

GATHERING SONG **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"** **UMH 454**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)
Gracious and loving God, we come before You today with thankful hearts, grateful for another day, another opportunity, and another chance to share Your love with the world. Wake us up, Lord—not just from our sleep, but from the distractions, routines, and busyness that sometimes keep us from seeing what is happening around us. Lord, we pray for our community. Open our eyes to those who are struggling, those who are lonely, those who are hungry, and those who feel forgotten. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN Second Sunday Offering – Val Kevlin

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 **"It Is Well With My Soul" 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 "Be Still, My Soul" UMH 534

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 27 UMH 758

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 | Matthew 25:1-13

SHARING THE STORY "Keep Awake" Pastor Thad

SENDING SONG "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

THE SENDING FORTH

We go forth with awake hearts, open eyes, and willing hands. We will watch for God's kingdom, care for our neighbors, and shine Christ's light wherever we go. We will not turn away from those in need or miss the opportunities God places before us. Today and every day, we choose to serve the Lord. Amen!

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Grace Greater than Our Sin" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

LECTIONARY Ronald Holly, Trustee

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**
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We Gather to Worship We Scatter to Serve

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