November 15, 2026: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

~~ GATHERING BEFORE GOD ~~

GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS ~ GOD MOMENTS ~

✞ **HYMN** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334
The Light of Christ Enters

OPENING PRAYER (unison)
Gracious Giver of all good things,
Open our ears to Your word, awaken our hearts to Your love, and renew our spirits with Your presence,
That we may see the abundance of Your blessings for us and enter into joy with You always. Amen.

~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Judges 4:1-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 123

CHORAL HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

INTERACTIVE/CHILDREN'S TIME

✞ **HYMN** "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS #2032

MESSAGE "Enter the Joy"

~~ RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT ~~

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical) UMH #882

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING
✞ Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895
"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

~~ SENDING FORTH ~~

✞ **HYMN** "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH #571

The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

✞ **BENEDICTION**

✞ Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

✞ *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Lectionary for Nov 22, 2026 (26th Sun after Pentecost)**:**
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

TODAY:

8:15(ish)	Georgetown UMC Administrative Board
9:00 am	Worship – Georgetown UMC
10:30 am	Worship – South Otselic UMC
3:00 pm	*Weekly Worship – Oxford Veterans Home*

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
no office hours Nov 19, 25, 26

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8:15 am; South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am

† **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

† **Sunshine Shop** Thu & Fri 10-4; Sat 9-noon
– Next open Nov 19-21, Dec 3-5, Dec 17-19;
closed for January
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.

† **Community Lunch** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, noon, South Otselic UMC; next dates Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17

UPCOMING EVENTS:

† **Wreathmaking** – Nov 21 & 23, 9 am, South Otselic UMC

† **Hanging of the Greens** – Nov 29, morning services

† **Thanksgiving meal** – Nov 29, 11:45, South Otselic UMC

† **Blue Christmas** – Dec 20, morning services

† **Christmas Eve** – Dec 24, 5 pm Georgetown UMC, 7 pm South Otselic UMC

PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):
From 11/8 – Charlie & Mary Frear, Barb Grewe, Rosalyn Hankins, Brian Newton, family of Larry Franks, family of Lenora Hite, family of Roberta Ullrich
From 11/1 – Jamie Bruno, Joan Hart, cast/crew fall play, those calling suicide hotline 988
From 10/25 – Nick Curry, Lenora Hite, Mike Knapp, Sheldon family, Georgetown Amish, France, US
From 10/18 – Lexi Miner

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Fran Knickerbocker, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Jim Slocum, Harvey Stalker, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends
Our men and women in the military
World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:
November: 19-Brian Newton; 25-Carl Johnson
December: 14-Liz Bronson; 18-Annie Campbell; 19-Pete Kalin; 25-Gail Evans Burpee; 31-Betty Graham



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Psalm 123 NRSVue

1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Judges 4:1-7 NRSVue

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.

2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.

3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.

5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

6 She sent and summoned Barak son of

Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.
7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.’ ”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NRSVue

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,
7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for

obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake
or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up
each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30 NRSVue

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away. At once
16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more
talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves
came and settled accounts with them.
20 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.'
21 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.'
22 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.’
23 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.’
24 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,
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’
26 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?
27 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.
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29 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.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’