Jerseyville United Methodist Church

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November 22, 2026, 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "This is My Song" (UMH 437)

Meditation: 1 Thessalonians 5:18: *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Call to Worship (Please stand if you are able)

L. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
C. God's steadfast love endures forever.
L. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.
C. Make known God's deeds among the peoples!
L. God blesses us with gifts of love:
C. With food and clothing, home and family.
L. God blesses us with daily work:
C. And all we need from day to day.
L. God protects us in time of danger:
C. And guards us from every evil.
L. Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
C. O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Hymn: UMH #694 " Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" verses 1 and 2

Opening Prayer:

"Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We thank you for the splendor of creation, for the gift of life, and for the love of family and friends. When we are exhausted, you give us strength; when we are in need, you stand beside us. Bless each of us gathered here today, and open our hearts to share your goodness and grace with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Offering

Doxology UMH #95

Offering prayer (together) Compassionate Shepherd, you have blessed us beyond measure and taught us to find your face in the hungry, the lonely, the stranger, and the forgotten. Receive these gifts and receive our lives, that we may become people whose generosity flows not from obligation but from love. Use our offerings to feed, welcome, comfort, and restore, so that others may glimpse your kingdom through our care. And when we serve our neighbors, awaken us to the holy mystery that we are serving you. Shape us into disciples whose greatest joy is to love as Christ first loved us. Amen. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Prayers and Joys of the people of God

Hymn: UMH # 131 "We Gather Together"

Scripture Reading : Psalm 100

Sermon: "Grateful Praise," Guest Lay Speaker, Bonnie Ward

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing, yet we so often forget the Giver.
Forgive us if we believe that we have merited the wealth, comfort, and safety we enjoy.
Forgive us for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor and the needs of our neighbors. May our lives become a blessing to all we touch. In the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Special Music: Bonnie Ward

Benediction

Postlude: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

Announcements

Many thanks to Bonnie Ward for being with us while Pastor Yoseb is visiting his parents and his wife's parents in South Korea. We are so happy you have been with us to share your faith and your music!

Next Sunday, November 29th will be the first Sunday of Advent! Please join us to begin preparing your hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU all for your contributions this month to Joshua House for the Thanksgiving food baskets they will distribute tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 23rd. If anyone has additional last-minute food donations they would like to add, you can bring them to Joshua House **TODAY (11/22)** from 12pm -6pm, where volunteers will be packing the food baskets.

The Greater Freehold **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will be held **THIS AFTERNOON at 3:30pm,** Old Tennant Church, 448 Tennent Church, Manalapan, NJ 07726