"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ *"I Will Sing Hallelujah"*

Welcome

****Opening Hymn~*** *"I Will Trust in the Lord" - #391 AAHH*

Opening Prayer

****Offering***
Doxology~ *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650 AAHH*

Prayer of Illumination: Send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the water of our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***
First Reading: *Amos 5:18-24: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody*

of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God****.*

****Psalter****~ #793, Psalm 70*

****Second Reading*****:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

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Song of Preparation*~ "Holy One"*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

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Proclamation*~ Lay Minister Kevin Harris*

****Affirmation of Faith:*** *(881 UMH)****: 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. Amen. (*universal)***

Prayers of the People: *Lord, in your mercy****, hear our prayer.***

****Confession/Pardon/ The Peace****~ Pg. 8*

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion*~ Pgs. 9-11*

Lord's Prayer

***Post Communion Prayer**: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Announcements

****Benediction***