Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 22, 2026
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
Including New Member Reception and Installation of Officers
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Theme: Lessons In Leadership: Courage and Commitment



"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

GATHERING

Prelude: "Ode to Thanksgiving" Beethoven

Call to Worship
Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: We gather remembering pastors and servants, leaders and followers who formed us in the faith.
People: We give thanks for living witnesses to God's love, showing us that we belong to God, and through God, we live as the household of faith bound together by Love.
Leader: So we come, worshiping God who blesses us with both heritage and faith through witnesses of Divine Love so that we may be witnesses to everyone we meet. AMEN

*Hymn: #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation" {3 vss.}with Bell Choir

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has yet to be revealed. What we know now is in part but this we know—we will be in the likeness of Christ and the saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way. Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God…We pray, may we be more like Jesus. Jesus fed those who were hungry…We pray, may we be more like Jesus. Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded…We pray, may we be more like Jesus. Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need…We pray, may we be more like Jesus. Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness…We pray, may we be more like Jesus, through him we pray, AMEN

Words of Assurance

Reception of New Members

Hymn: #701 "Lord, Prepare Me"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Arr. B. Kinyon
Bell Choir

Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17 and I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon: "Onward and Upward"

Installation of Officers

Hymn: #647 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Preparation: #711 "Lord of All Good"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Eternal God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those whose lives bore witness to your grace and whose faith still shapes the church we share today. As we remember them with gratitude, we offer these gifts as signs that their witness continues through us. Open our eyes to see your work in the world. Use our voices to give witness to what we have seen of your love and mercy. Use these offerings to strengthen your church, that our lives may also become a testimony to your living Word at work among us. Through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Announcements and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Litany of Farewell
Leader: Over time our church family changes. People come and go. Children grow up. People move away. Our loved ones join the heavenly realm. Our leaders and pastors move on to new stages of life.
People: We celebrate loved ones, friends, and leaders who have lived a good life and have served with courage and commitment.
Leader: Individuals move into our community seeking belonging, support and hope.
People: Others leave, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.
Leader: So keep watch over us, O God, and ALL the flock which the Holy Spirit has sent our way.
People: Today we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share this time of farewell with Jim, as we look forward to Walter's coming and the fruitful season of ministry before us. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: May God bless us with reminders of meaningful times and rich experiences.
People: We will remain inspired by the witnesses of those around us who continue to labor on.
Leader: Inspired in this way, we will live as witnesses to a powerful Love which is beyond ourselves.
People: Both here and now and in time to come, God surrounds us with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. AMEN

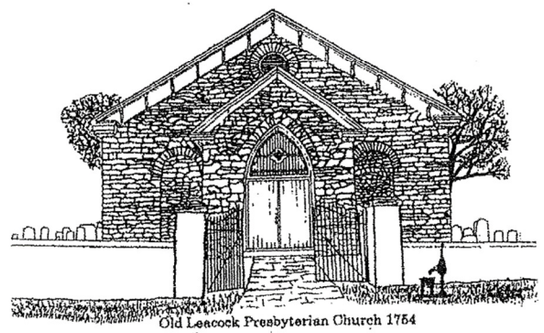
Postlude: "God Be With You"
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service
*Those who wish may stand

The Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

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