SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Jeremiah Rainville

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

OPENING PRAYER

God, our kind and loving Parent, you no longer call us servants but friends.
There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart
in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Adapted from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSIC "Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom" UMH No. 508

Please stand in body or in spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hollowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERING HTTPS://WWW.SOVUMC.ORG/GIVING

OFFERTORY *"There are Angels Hovering Round"* *SOV Choir*

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CENTERING HYMN **"THANK YOU, JESUS"** **TFWS NO. 2081**

NEW TESTAMENT **2 Corinthians 9:7-15**

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,
"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Lesson **John 15:9-12**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

MESSAGE ***Cheerfully Given. Cheerfully Give.*** *Rev. Effie McAvoy*

MUSIC **"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581 UMH No. 581 (vs.1, 3 & 4)**

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE Cathy Clasper-Torch

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Worship @ 9A
SUNDAY SCHOOL (September-May) Sundays, 9AM
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Rev. Effie McAvoy, Pastor, Lisa Marciniak, Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mary Hunter and Megan Crete, Lay Leaders- Cathy Clasper-Torch, Music Leader

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC VISION STATEMENT

We are a multi-generational Christ community seeking to sing God's spirit
into the world by inviting all, serving all, loving all.