Worship Guide November 15, 2026

Consecration Sunday

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements **Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine**

Call to Worship

(Pastor moves to lectern left of the Lord's table)

One: The day of the Lord is near…

Many: …Coming like a thief in the night.

One: The day of the Lord is near…

Many: …The day is coming quickly

One: The day of the Lord is near…

Many: …And we are your good and faithful servants.

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 "Thy Word" **Worship Leader Sheila**

(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,
Please be near me, to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.
All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!" Psalm 119:89

(Bible is walked to the table)

Song - PH #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines" Worship Leader Sheila

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Leader: Please be seated

Confession and Pardon **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Call to Confession

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

One: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

All: God of abundance,
you have given us so many gifts.
You bless us with talents, resources,
skills and knowledge,
and yet we hide them under a bushel.
We hoard these gifts, instead of following you
and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given.
Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to you.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return…

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon **Worship Assistant Tracy**

One: Hear the good news: God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: Christ died for us so that we may live with him. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Doxology PH #608 **Worship Leader Sheila**

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" **Worship Leader Sheila**

Leader: Will the children come forward for the blessing

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
(Repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering **Worship Assistant Tracy**

(WA to ask people to return to seats as needed before starting)

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)

Bread and Cup

Leader: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more then this:

Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song - PH #692 "Spirit Open My Heart" Worship Leader Tracy

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

(Refrain)
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

V1 – God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

(Refrain)
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

V2 – Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

(Refrain)
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Tracy** (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: High Expectations (Matthew 25:14-30)

Song – PH #701 "Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)" Worship Tracy Johnson

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

(Repeat three times)

(Children leave for Sunday School during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

(Sheila moves lectern to center front for sermon)

Prayer for Illumination **Pastor Andrew**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is Matthew 25:14-29. After the text is read, we will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-29

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "Playing it Safe" Matthew 25:14-29 Pastor Andrew

(Sheila moves lectern back to the left of the Lord's table)

Song - PH #716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Worship Leader Sheila

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 - God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

V2 – Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone,
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

V3 – Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Confession of Faith **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith from the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People **Pastor Andrew**

Song - PH #697 "Take My Life" Worship Leader Sheila

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

V2 – Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

V6 – At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,

Ever, only, all for thee.

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Andrew

(Pastor moves behind the Lord's table)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Communion, let us remember that this is not Christ's Community Church's table, or a Presbyterian table. This is God's table. Christ invites all who seek him to be nourished in communion with God and with one another. And so, my friends…

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.
Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Song LYH #125 – "Great Thanksgiving" (Part 1) **Praise Team**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.

He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.
Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Song LYH #125 – "Great Thanksgiving" (Part 2) **Praise Team**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and of the vine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints in
your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Song LYH #125 – "Great Thanksgiving" (Part 3) **Praise Team**

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:
We give you thanks, God,
that on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And in the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.
For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes in glory.
With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.
Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Communion of the People

Pastor: The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits. After the servers come forward, you are invited to come to the table, take one piece of bread, dip it into the cup of grape juice, and take both elements at the same time. There are also individual serving cups if you would prefer. If you need to be served in your seat, just raise your hand and the servers will come to you.
Would the servers please come forward at this time?

(Musical Interlude)

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Living Christ, as you open the scripture to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit.
All: Let us walk with you all the days of our lives,

and proclaim the glory of your resurrection
to all the world. Amen.

SENDING

Covenant Pledges

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