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October 25, 2026 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Greeting

Prelude *Way Maker* Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

* **Call to Worship** (One/Many)

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Praise be to God who provides for us.

May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude both in worship today and in the ways in which we live and care for others.

* **Prayer of Gathering** (in unison)

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. As we offer our worship to you today, we ask that you bless each of us here, that we may become a true blessing to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

* **Hymn** *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* #275 VT

Thoughts on Giving

Loving God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

MOMENTS OF WONDER

HYMN *We Thank You, Jesus* #699 VT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:15-17, Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Why Gratitude?"

* **HYMN** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* #83 VT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour /* Marcia Wells
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus / Amazing Grace

** Please stand as able and led*

Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service.

Ministers ..... **All Members**
Interim Pastor ..... Tracy Hartman
Minister of Music ..... Vanessa Morton
Worship Leaders ..... Sarah & Ava Hartman
Acolyte ..... Ava Hartman
Tech & Media Director ..... Kevin Beers