Anthon Community Methodist Church
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song **"Give Thanks"** **TFWS #2036**

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Tim Hoy**

Leader: God has entrusted each of us with gifts, talents, and opportunities to make a difference.
People: We come to worship, grateful for all that God has placed in our hands.
Leader: Some gifts may seem great, while others may appear small, but every gift has a purpose in God's kingdom.
People: We are called to use what we have been given to serve God and love our neighbors.
Leader: God does not ask us to be just like someone else. God asks us to be faithful with what we have received.
People: Help us move beyond fear and hesitation so that we may live boldly in faith.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who equips us, trusts us, and invites us to be part of His work in the world.
All: With grateful hearts and willing spirits, let us worship God and discover how we can faithfully use what we have been given. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Generous God, You have blessed us with gifts, abilities, resources, and opportunities to serve You. Forgive us when fear keeps us from stepping forward or when we overlook the gifts we already possess. Open our eyes to the needs around us and our hearts to the possibilities before us. Teach us to be faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us. May our worship inspire us to live with courage, generosity, and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Psalm 123
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Hymn of Preparation **"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"** **UMH #420**

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14-30

Message What Are You Doing With What You've Been Given? Erin Baird

Hymn of Response **"Here I am Lord"** **UMH #593**

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology #95

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we bring these gifts in gratitude for all You have entrusted to us. Bless these offerings and use them to share Your love, meet the needs of others, and strengthen Your ministry in the world. Help us give not only from our resources, but also from our time, talents, and hearts. May all we do honor You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn **"Together We Serve"** **TFWS #2175**

Sending Forth with Blessing
Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....Tim Hoy

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our President, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed & Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Evelyn & Larry Dicks, Lyle & Sally Schram, Betty Nelson, Mark Nelson, Barb Madsen, Brad Harbaugh, Todd Verschoor, Rich Petersen, Everts Miller

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 18: Delivery of Food by WOF

November 29: A Sunday of Music and Hanging of the Greens. Soup and sandwiches will be served before and after the Hanging of the Greens for everybody.

November Liturgists: Nov. 22-Marilyn Hladik; Nov. 29-Kathy Hodgdon

Missions: We are collecting new or gently used blankets for the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission. If you don't have time to shop, you can give your money to Marilyn and she will do the shopping for you.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Ed Davis (19), Laken Nelson (20), Ms. Sheryl Ashley (22).

Nov./Dec. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform…past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You! If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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