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Unburying Eden

Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Matthew 25:14-30

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November 15, 2026 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** **10 AM**

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (arr. J. Wayne Kerr)
Carmen Massaro, organ

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Introit *Keep On* (Lloyd Larson) Federated Choir; Carmen Massaro, piano

*** Call to Worship** Don Iannone

One: God has entrusted us with gifts of life and love.
All: May we be found faithful with what we have received.
One: Come, let us set aside our fear and enter into joy.
All: Together, let us cultivate the gifts of God's kingdom.

*** Opening Hymn** *You Are Welcome Here* [Words on Screen]

Prayer for Truth Don Iannone

One: God of abundance, you have entrusted us with gifts of life and love.
All: Forgive us when fear keeps us from sharing what we have received.
One: Where we have buried our gifts, awaken courage; where others have been afraid, teach us to make room.
All: Make us faithful stewards of your gifts, that all may flourish.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Grace Don Iannone

One: Hear the Good News: God's grace is not buried by our fear, nor diminished by our failures. The One who calls us to faithfulness also gives us courage to begin again. Come, enter into the joy of God's love.
All: Thanks be to God, whose love makes all things new. Amen.

Message for the Young at Heart Abigail Reed

*** Passing of Christ's Peace** *"I'm glad God invested in you!"*
(Children grades K-8 are dismissed to Sunday School.)

*** Praise Response**	*This Little Light of Mine*	[Words on Screen]
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:14-30	Don Iannone
Sermon	*Unburying Eden*	Rev. Howard
***Responsive Hymn**	*Take My Life and Let It Be*	No. 609
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Howard
Invitation to Generosity		
Anthem	*The Warm Fogs of Fear from "Into the Light"* (Jake Runestad)	Federated Choir

*** Doxology**

Praise God, whose gifts bring life to all;
Praise Christ, who hears the stranger's call;
Praise Holy Spirit, Breath of grace;
One God, whose love makes every place.

*** Prayer of Dedication**	Rev. Howard
Welcoming of New Members	Rev. Howard & Dawn Herdman

Don Iannone	Manny Luib	Catherine Schneider
Mary Iannone	Maureen Luib	Marcie Qua

*** Closing Hymn**	*The Summons*	[Words on Screen]
*** Commission & Benediction**		Rev. Howard
Postlude	*Trumpet Voluntary in B-flat* (David Lansky)	Carmen Massaro, organ

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OUR SAFE CHURCH JOURNEY

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 22, 2026
Matthew 25:31-46
Rev. Michael Anthony Howard preaches

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