Giving- *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails*

Prayer Response ***Take, O Take Me as I Am*** W&S 3119 *Green Hymnal*

ACT OF DEDICATION
Pastoral Prayer

SENDING FORTH HYMN UMH 694 *Red Hymnal*
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Cindy Berry

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	Stewardship Commitment Sunday
	9:00-Coffee Café
	11:00-Snack and Chat
	11:15-Hanging of the Greens
Nov 24	10:00-12:00- Church yard clean up (coffee and donuts provided)
Nov 25	3:00-5:00-Temple hosts Supper House
Nov 26	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov 29	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec 2	10:00-Retired Clergy gathering (pastor's office)

GIVING- There are multiple ways to give- in person, mail, online- www.templeumcmuskegon.com or scan the code with your phone's camera and click the link VANCO ©

TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 22, 2026 Pentecost 26

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

"+" is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.

PRELUDE *Give Thanks* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we stand at the threshold of another Thanksgiving holiday, we look back and remember God's faithfulness across the generations.

All: We give thanks for Temple saints who walked before us, and for every blessing that has brought us to this day.

One: Yet the Lord says to us, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

All: God is moving among us right now, opening doors to new life, new hope, and new ministry.

One: Keep awake! Trim your lamps and open your hands to the future God is building.

All: We come with grateful hearts, ready to turn our good intentions into lasting kingdom impact.

One: Today, we bring our whole lives to the altar—our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

All: Let us worship the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and step boldly into the new thing God is doing at Temple United Methodist Church!
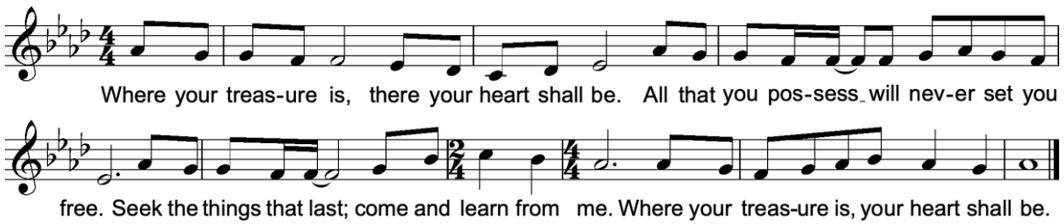
+ OPENING HYMN UMH 327 vs 1,3,4 *RED HYMNAL*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

+UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for your faithfulness across every season of our lives. Yet even as we celebrate yesterday's blessings, open our eyes to perceive the new thing springing up among us today. Keep us awake and ready, with lamps full of trust and hands unclenched by gratitude. Prepare our hearts to offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, as we step boldly into your future for Temple United Methodist Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ PASSING THE PEACE ***Where Your Treasure Is***



Please return to your pew when the music begins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Generous God, we confess that we often cling so tightly to the past—and to our own plans—that we leave no room for the new thing you are doing among us. Even as we enter this week of Thanksgiving, we let anxiety, busyness, and fear convince us that there is not enough. Forgive us when we grow drowsy in our faith, when we hoard our time and resources, and when our good intentions fail to become faithful action. Unclench our fists, refill our lamps with your grace, and awaken our hearts to trust your abundance. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: God's mercy is new every morning, and God's abundance never runs dry. Through Jesus Christ, our fists are unclenched, our lamps are refilled, and our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43: 16-21
GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 1-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *All in for the New Thing* Pastor Jeff
STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 399 *RED HYMNAL*

Take My Life, and Let It Be

TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING
Prayers for the Community

Prayers for the World
City of Muskegon Heights, gun violence, violent tactics of ICE agents, ICE agents and their families. Immigrants and refugees, persecuted communities, peaceful protest, those experiencing food and water scarcity, crop failures and famine. Natural Disasters and Climate Crises. Active conflicts and war: Gaza, Israel, Russia, Iran, Palestine, Ukraine, ceasefires and diplomatic solutions.

You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.

Silent Prayer and Meditation Psalm 65: 5 NIV
"For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord."

After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.

Thank you to today's worship leaders!

Liturgist- Melissa Miller
Song Leader- Gunnar Carlson
AV Booth- Steve Neubauer/Carol Taylor/Bruce McLeod/Mary Ullmer
Altar Design- Worship Team
One License #729534-A CCLI License #11366978 (CCLI Livestream)

Coffee Café! Join us for coffee, conversation, and community before worship—everyone is welcome! Table seating is located both in the café area and in the sanctuary. Feel free to bring your drink into the service. Whether you're a longtime member or a newcomer, it's a relaxing place to meet others, enjoy a beverage, and connect.
"A cup of coffee shared with friends is happiness tasted."



Embracing Our Future: Today is Stewardship Giving Sunday!
Today, Sunday, November 22, marks the culmination of our three-week stewardship emphasis, *"Embracing Our Future."* Guided by Isaiah 43:18–19a (*"See, I am doing a new thing!"*), we invite you to turn your good intentions into lasting kingdom impact by placing your 2027 Giving Intention Card in the offering plate today—extra cards are available in the pews if needed. Thank you for upholding Temple United Methodist Church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as we step boldly into God's bright future together!

Happy Anniversary to: 23- Dan & Marsha Black

Church Yard Clean up

Please join us **this** Tuesday, November 24, from 10-noon in cleaning up all the fall leaves on our church property. Coffee and donuts will be served to provide extra energy for everyone.



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Hand2Hand

Let's hear it for the hard-working Hand2Hand team who last week packed three weeks of food for our kiddos at Muskegon Heights Early Education Center. You really have to see it to believe it. We packed close to 3,000 items in about an hour — 12 items of food plus books and bag of treats for each child for Christmas (plus a few treats for the teachers and staff). Every single thing in those bags is donated by YOU — the most generous community of people there is. Thank you.

We will continue to collect **cans of chicken noodle soup (pop-tops only, please)** and **individual cups of mandarin oranges** through November. Looking ahead to December, we are asking for **individual cans of ravioli (pop tops only, please)** to help get through cold winter months.

As long as we're talking about December: Our next packing date will be **Wednesday, December 16 at 9 a.m.** We will have a Christmas brunch immediately following.



Mission for Area People-Teen Town Christmas Needs:

Teen Town Christmas: popular teen gifts include: Men's and women's fragrances or fragrance gift sets, men's and women's hoodies, men's and women's jewelry, pajama sets, slippers, art sets, skincare/bath sets, gift cards. Donations should be delivered to MAP by Friday, December 11.

