MESSAGE: "Staying Ready for Participation"

***SENDING HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" #359

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

POSTLUDE "Go Forth in Faith" *by Franklin Ritter* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Danny Reeves, Dave Howland and Chancel Choir
TECHNICIAN: Sabrina Rosenstock I **LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht
GREETERS: Walt and Jan Covert

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



November 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Ordinary Time

PRELUDE "Gather Us In" *arr. by John Behnke* Dave Howland

WELCOME Dr. Katelyn Brackney

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT
I will always give thanks, give thanks unto the Lord; His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**Stand in body or spirit*
CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from liturgy by Joanna Harader)* Michele Fecht

Leader: In our wisdom and foolishness,
All: We gather for worship.
L: Though some of us are more prepared than others,
A: We are all here.
L: With bright lights and dim,
A: We wait together for the expected One.
L: Look! Come out! Keep awake!
A: For God is here among us.
L: In the least of these
A: The poor, the orphan, the hungry, the widow, the refugee
L: In all of creation
A: Christ is coming to us in new ways
L: May we accept the ever-present invitation of God
A: To work together in the reign of God on earth

***GATHERING HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #74

***INVOCATION (in unison)** Michele Fecht

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you, and may we begin with the prayer you taught us to pray:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*using Debts and Debtors*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Give Thanks" #282

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 78:1-7 | Page #537 OT Michele Fecht

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "What a Fellowship" *by David Cherwien* Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Dr. Katelyn Brackney

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING Dr. Katelyn Brackney

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" # 50 v. 1, 4, 6

**Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the Meeting House. You may also donate online by scanning the QR code on the back of the Bulletin.*

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**As we sing, we invite you to use whatever names and pronouns for God that are most meaningful to you.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE READING: Dr. Katelyn Brackney
Matthew 25:1-13

CHORAL RESPONSE: May Your word be a lamp unto my feet, and a beacon for my heart.