Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
25th Sunday after Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday
November 15, 2026

Reflection *"Like the good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*
~ 1 Peter 4.10

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."
~ C.S. Lewis

"Self-care is never a selfish act – it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer to others."
~ Parker Palmer

Prelude

Announcements / Stewardship Moment / Welcome to Worship

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us gather our hearts and worship God together.
Many: We come,
bringing our whole selves into this time of worship.
One: What do we treasure? Where do our hearts belong?
Many: We find our hearts in the places where love grows.
One: In the gifts we share and the lives we touch.
Many: In the community we build and the care we offer.
One: May our hearts be drawn toward God's love.
All: Let us worship with joy and gratitude!

Hymn NC #565 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, thank you for bringing us together in your presence, and for the many gifts that make this community what it is. For the hands that serve, the hearts that care, the voices that encourage, and the love that reaches beyond these walls, we give you our thanks. As we worship this morning, inspire us to share generously, care deeply, and live faithfully. May our hearts always be found where your love is at work. Amen.

Gloria SL #9

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Anthem *Where Your Treasure Is*

Moment for All Ages

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30, p. 34

Message

Dedication of our Pledges

Hymn SL #455 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days – let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver, and my gold – not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine – it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart – it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love – my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself – and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.
Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

After each individual prayer request…

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

<u>Prayers of healing and hope for…</u>

BUDDY Nevins, member of the congregation
WENDY Blow, member of the congregation
JILL Lester, friend of Mikki Nevins
DAVID Horn, brother of Chuck Horn
BOB, great uncle of Brice Willard
CRYSTAL, friend of Jeanie McMahon
JOHN, son of a friend of Kevin and Lorraine O'Keefe
STACEY Jenkins, member of the congregation
FLANNERY Wiemer, niece of Liz Grasty (Southampton UCC)
JACKIE LaFrance, aunt of Kathy Robbins
ELLIE Scott, member of the congregation

**Names remain on prayer list for 8 weeks unless extension requested*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer using any version you wish

Response: Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

Offertory

Response SL #40 *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they support the ministries of our church, extend your love into the world, and bring hope where it is needed. Receive not only what we place in the offering plate, but also our time, our talents, our compassion, and our care. May all that we give reflect what we treasure, for there our hearts will be. Amen.

Hymn SL #596 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
O how bright the path grows from day-to-day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

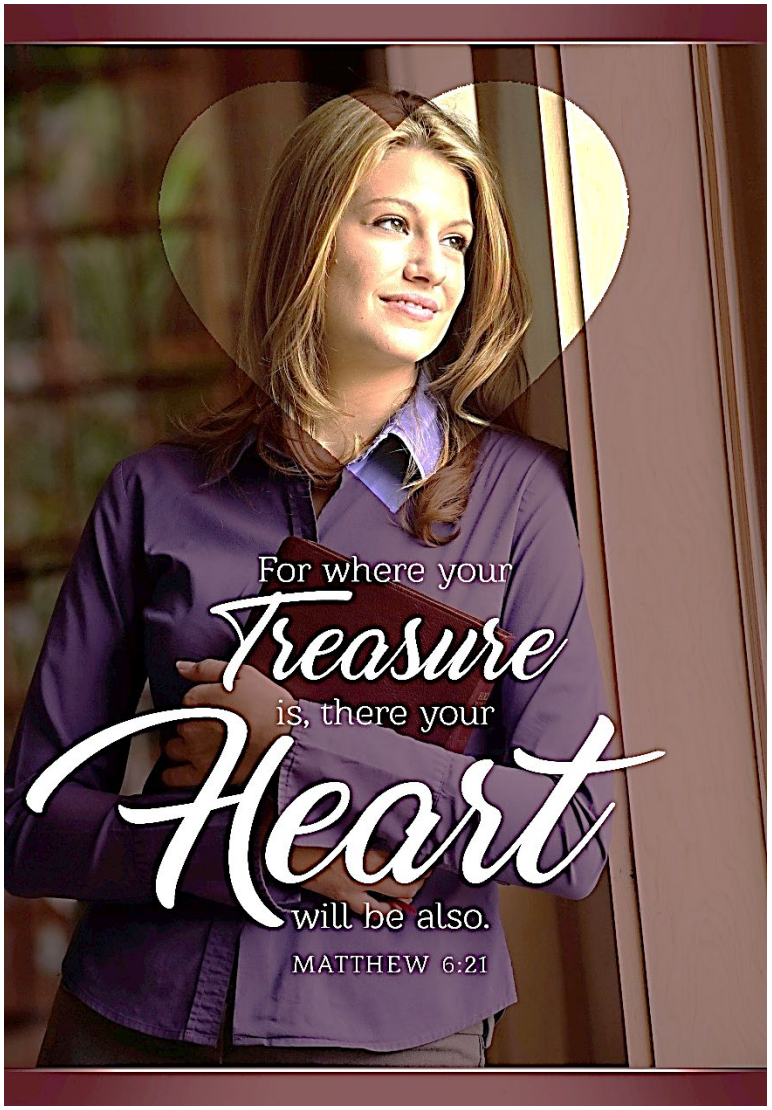
↑ Benediction / Passing of the Peace

↑ Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

↑ Postlude

↑ *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.*



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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Greeters -	↑ Lynn, Billi, Brice and Grace Willard
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Lay Reader -	Ishmael Swenson Jeffords
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Mary Montague and Stewardship Committee
Flowers -	Kathy and Mike Robbins

This Week at the Church...

Today -	Big Y Gift Card pickup
Today 6pm -	Peace Gathering
Monday 7pm -	Property
Tues 1pm -	WOW
Wed 3:15pm -	Good Works
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Thursday 7pm -	Choir
Fri 7pm -	AA
Saturday 9-2 -	Holiday House Fair

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

November 16 ✶- Carsyn Bauer, Grace Linscott Willard
November 19 ✶- Chuck Horn
November 21 ✶- Evelyn Clark, Ruth Tracy