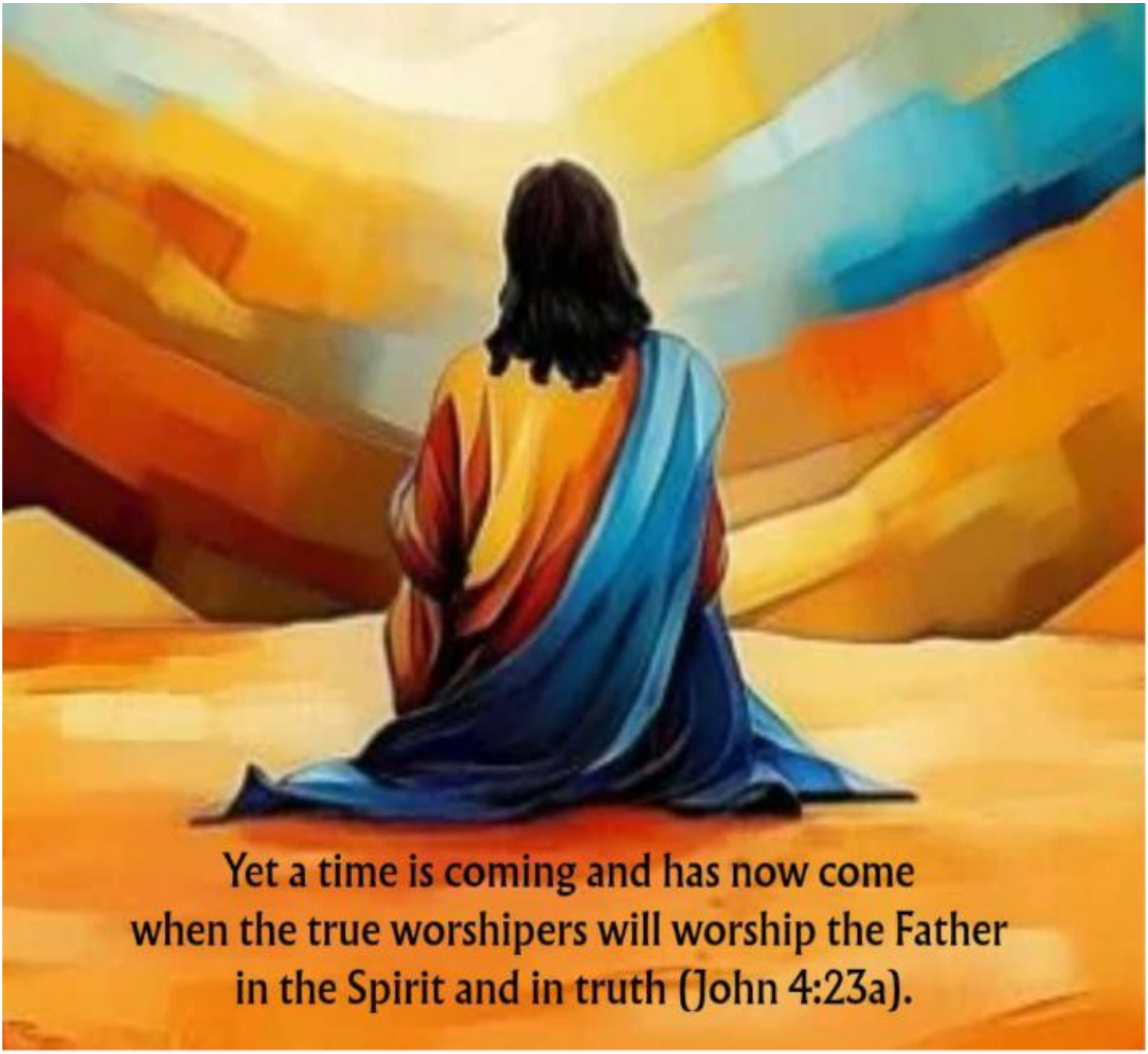


First United Methodist Church
34 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

November 15, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(†) The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

We gather in the name of the living Christ
to worship God.
Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.
That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.
The living Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

† HYMN OF PRAISE



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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we bow to the power of your love.

Gentle Christ, we submit to your mercy.

May your compassion cast out our fear.

May your forgiveness overrule our guilt.

May your generosity banish our selfishness.

May your grace supplant our sin.

O Love, rule on our hearts.

Make us obedient to your love,

and worship you in spirit and in truth.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we were dead through our sins,

in great mercy, God made us alive together with Christ.

Therefore, your sins are forgiven;

be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 35: 1-15* *(Pg. 28) ***

ANTHEM I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Arr. Marty Wheeler Burnett

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk til pilgrim days are done.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

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† GOSPEL LESSON: John 4: 23-26 (Pg. 865) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI



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SERMON: Rev. Ho-Soon Han

"Crossing the Threshold - 3
Returning to What Grounds Us"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG



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SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG *(See Above)*

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† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION



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† Benediction

Voluntary

Assisting with Worship today:

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****Liturgical Elements: "Unfolding Light"*

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Looking Ahead

Readings for November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ/ Christ the King
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 / Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23 / Matthew 25: 31-46

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By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul
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