Manning United Methodist Church

November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Many people drift through life with their eyes closed—following paths they never chose, carrying burdens they never questioned, and waiting for a tomorrow they never prepared for. The greatest awakening is not opening your eyes after sleep, but opening your mind while you are still alive."—Heraclitus

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*Please stand as you are comfortable
Bold print indicates congregational response

Prelude video— "The Heavens Declare" (about 5:48)

Sharing our joys and concerns

***Call to Worship:**
Leader**—**Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
People—We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader—Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
People—We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader—Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
People—We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader—Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
People—We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (Unison):
You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, God of holiness, so you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words; you tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs. Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need. On this day, we choose to serve you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Opening Hymn—UMH #540— "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (backup video) UMH #405— "Seek Ye First"

Silent Prayer — Pastoral Prayer — Lord's Prayer

Giving Back to God—Offering plates are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Offering Prayer/*Doxology

Children's Message

Hymn— "Holy Darkness" (video)

Scripture—Matthew 25: 1-13

Message— "Sleepwalking"

Closing Hymn—TFWS #2175— "Together We Serve" (backup video)

***Benediction — Sending Forth — Extinguishing Altar Candles**
Go, now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go, now in faith—steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go, now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go, now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

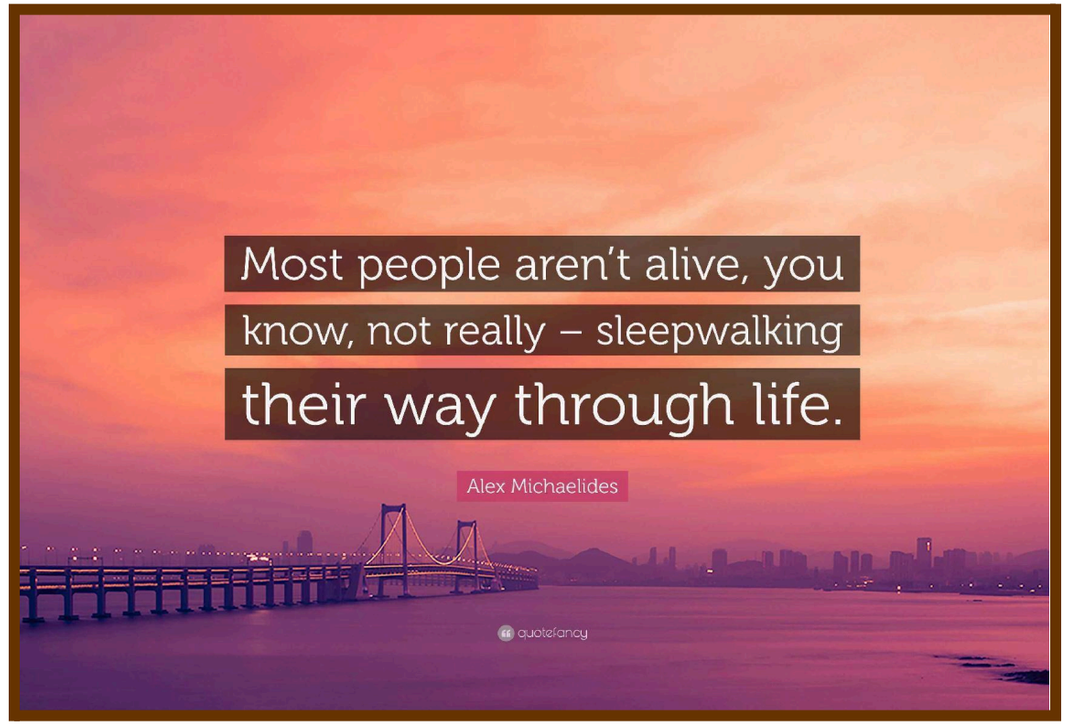
November 15
Greeters/Ushers: Todd & Jean Stadtlander
Liturgist: Jean Stadtlander

November 22
Greeters/Ushers: Vic & Donna Schwiesow
Liturgist: Donna Schwiesow

November 29
Greeters/Ushers: volunteer
Liturgist: Ed Eberlein

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Our Mission Statement is:

Love God, love people, serve the world!

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Pastor Lori Shannon