

Knightsville Methodist
Order of Worship
Contemporary Worship Service
November 16, 2025
11:05 a.m.

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Jill & Thomas Henry		
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Gracious and faithful God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude.

People: You have walked with us, sustained us, and poured out Your Spirit upon our church.

Leader: We thank You for every soul touched, every life changed, and every moment of ministry that glorified Your name.

People: You have called us to glorify God, commit to Christ, teach the truth, fellowship through faith, and love the least, the lost, and the lonely.

Leader: Thank You for the opportunities to serve our neighbors in Summerville—through missions, meals, prayers, and presence.

People: Thank You for growth in worship, deepening discipleship, and the joy of community that reflects Your kingdom.

Leader: Now, Lord, transform us again. Renew our hearts with boldness and compassion.

People: Refine our vision to see what You see. Reignite our passion to serve with humility and love.

Leader: May we continue to be a beacon of hope, a house of truth, and a people of grace.

People: May our hands be open, our voices lifted, and our lives surrendered to Your will.

Leader: Let the year ahead be marked by greater faithfulness, fruitfulness, and fellowship.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King, we give thanks and say Amen.

Word of God - Ephesians 4:1-13

Paul's words in Ephesians 4 are a passionate plea for the church to live out its calling with integrity and unity. He begins by urging believers to "walk worthy"—not just in belief, but in behavior. This means embodying humility, gentleness, patience, and love in every relationship.

Unity is not optional. It's the heartbeat of the church. Paul reminds us that we are one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our differences in gifts and roles are not divisions—they are divine designs for building up the body of Christ. Verses 11-13 show us that ministry is not reserved for a few. Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip everyone for works of service. The goal? Maturity. A church that grows together in truth and love becomes a powerful witness to the world.

Today's Word of God is taken from The Message translation.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift.

The text for this is,
He climbed the high mountain, He captured the enemy and seized the plunder,
He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.