Prayer of Dedication: **Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Love and Serve

**Closing Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206UMH*

Announcements

Responsive Benediction:
L: Choose God this day, and keep your lamps lit.
P: We go forth with hearts ablaze with God's love.
L: Choose God this day, and shine with God's Light.
P: We go with lives kindled with the call to serve.
L: Choose God this day, and enter into fullness of life.
P: We go to embrace the life we have received.

**Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Judy Rathbun
Video Production: Dean Logan and Greg Shaw
Organist and Music Director: Debbie Greim
Pastor Jen Reed

Today's Call to Worship: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2026.
Opening Prayer: Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies website.
Offertory and Benediction: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning

Boldly Caring for our Community



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welcomes, nurtures, and serves
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LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection

Welcome

Call to Worship *(Based on Matthew 25)* JUDY

L: Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

L: Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.

P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

L: Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.

P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

L: Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

P: 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 Hymn: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #173UMH*

Opening Prayer: **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**

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 78:1-7 (The Message)

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 PASTOR JEN

Response to the Word

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation: Be Thou My Vision #451 UMH*

LUMC PUPPET THEATER

Message: *Running on Empty*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #2193TFWS*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

After each prayer request, please join in the response:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

After each joy, please join in the response: **Alleluia**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #2193TFWS*

Offering Our Gifts to God

**Song of Thanksgiving:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.