LEE VINING COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Zoom Worship November 22, 2026

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship – Luke 12:13-21

Pastor: Jesus says, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed."

ALL: **For our life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.**

Pastor: The land has produced abundantly; the harvest is gathered in.

ALL: **We give thanks to the God from whom every good gift comes.**

Pastor: Come, not to build bigger barns, but to grow rich toward God.

ALL: **We come with grateful hearts to worship the One who makes room for all.**

Songs of Worship – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Prayer of Confession *ALL are invited to say.* from Luke 12 AI assisted

Merciful God, we confess that we talk to ourselves when we should be listening to you. Like the rich man, we say "I" and "my," and we forget the hands that worked the fields and the neighbors who go without. We tear down our barns to build bigger ones, storing up what we are afraid to lose, while others have no place at all. We confess that we have lost the courage to imagine that the world could be different. Forgive us. Turn our hearts from hoarding to thanksgiving and from fear to generosity, and make us rich toward you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent personal confession …In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news. God does not call us fools to shame us, but to wake us up. Everything we have is a gift, and the greatest gift is God's mercy, more than any barn could ever hold. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21 NRSV **Sermon –** "Barns"

Song of Praise and Affirmation – Take My Life

Prayers of the Saints

The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world with thankful hearts. Remember that your life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Open your barns: share your harvest, honor those whose labor feeds you, and dare to imagine that the world can be different. Be rich toward God, and you will be blessed. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

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Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

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13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance
with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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