

November 3, 2024

All-Saint's Sunday

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

People: We come to give thanks for them.

Leader: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

People: We come to ask for guidance and courage.

Leader: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

People: We come to worship the Holy God.

***Hymn #295:** "I Sing a Song to the Saints of God"

*Passing the Peace

Stewardship Moment:

Karen Yoho

Scripture:

Mark 12:28-34

Tina Alston

Anthem: Come, Let Us Sing! By R. Grant & J. M. Haydn, arranged by J. Raney

Time With Young Disciples – Please go directly to your Sunday School class

Service of Remembrance

Leader: I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever believes in me shall never die. This morning, we remember and name the names of those from our community who have died this past year and whose Celebration of Life Services were held in this sacred space.

Gabriella Chesnes

Linda Edwards

Jerriann King

John Ward

John Shaffer

Tony McCarthy

Elaine Eubanks

A candle will be lit, and a moment of silence will be observed.

ALL: For all that they were by nature and faith and to those who loved them we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ. "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" We remember those close to our hearts whose labors are ended and who are now in eternal rest....

A candle will be lit, and a moment of silence will be observed.

ALL: For all that they were by nature and faith and to those who loved them we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We acknowledge those who are living saints to us now in this place and in our lives....

A candle will be lit, and a moment of silence will be observed.

ALL: For all that they were by nature and faith and to those who loved them we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: In this sacred time, we join in silence to lift up any other names of those for whom we care who are now in God's eternal care.....

A candle will be lit, and a moment of silence will be observed.

Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sermon: "Gold Standard"

***Hymn #299:** "For All the Saints"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous to your world. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive.

The Spirit of God moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy. At this table we celebrate Jesus, who touched our brokenness with his life; who gathers us together, inside and out. We give ourselves to that wholeness, moving from hurt to happiness, and from darkness to light, filling our lives with love, laughter, and each other, and joining with all created things to say, "Holy are you, O God."

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of you being.With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sharing the elements

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #383: "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**