

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

Online Worship Service



Prelude

"Hymn of Promise"

setting by Jeremy Bankson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will always be in my mouth.

I praise the Lord—let the suffering listen and rejoice.

Magnify the Lord with me,

Together, let us lift the Lord's name up high!

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints" verses 1, 2, 4, 6

UMH 711

Celebration of the Saints

Reader 1: Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are present with us no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together. Their memory is a blessing forever.

Reader 2: Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love cannot break. Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

Reader 1: We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues remembered as blessings. Their goodness lives on, and their weaknesses fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names. Their memory is a blessing forever.

Reader 2: We remember, those who were part of our congregation and community. We praise God for those who cared for us and labored for the good of all people. Help us to continue to live our faith, for now the task is ours. Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

Reader 1: Gracious and victorious God, we give you thanks that these saints now live and reign with you. Hear now, as we read the names of those whose lives were connected to our congregation, and who, during the past twelve months, have departed from this life to join the Church Triumphant:

Mark Beard

Glenna Boughton

Rev. Jerry Chase

Lois Angeline Clewell

William N. Collings

Norma Jean Dobbert

Sandra Fals

Laura Gerner

Rita Hauger

Joel M. Hoerner

Steve Mercaitis

Doris Miller

Diane Kimm Mitchell

Marjorie Herrmann Rickert

Donna Leigh (Armstrong) Schoon

Dorothy L. "Dott" Schreiner

Lesley Ann Stephens

Heidi Williams

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Reader 1: Most merciful God, we pause in silence to remember others from our families, from our communities, and from our networks of friends, who, during the past twelve months, have departed from this life to join the Church Triumphant.

Reader 2: O God, Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, we pause in silence to remember those who have given their lives in service to their country or community.

Reader 1: We remember those who have been victims of tragedies, accidents, illnesses, violence and hatred, and who, during the past twelve months, have departed from this life to enter into your presence.

Reader 2: We remember the hundreds of thousands of lives that were cut short by COVID-19, and we pray for healing for all who suffer from this illness.

Reader 1: O Savior God, light of the world, shine within our hearts this day with the light of hope, the glimmer of peace and the glimpse of eternity. Amen.

Memorial Representative (Al Hattel)

On behalf of the Memorial committee, we present to St. Luke's United Methodist Church the following gifts, purchased all or in part by Memorial Funds or given in memory of loved ones:

New basement & kitchen exhaust systems in memory of Cyril Lehnhardt

A new sound system and phone system in memory of William N. Collings

A new video camera and audio/video computer equipment in memory of Dr. Eugene V. Conklin

Piano and organ tuning & maintenance in memory of Helen Johnston

Engraving for confirmation bibles in memory of Marian Thomas

Quilting materials in memory of Joy Berry

Funds for UMW Missions in memory of Lois Clewell

Trustees Representative (Nick Ashbrook)

The Board of Trustees, on behalf of the entire congregation, gratefully accepts these gifts in the spirit in which they were given. We thank the Lord for these gifts and dedicate them for Christian service. We pledge that they shall be used to the glory of God.

Hymn	"Rejoice in God's Saints"	UMH 708
New Testament Lesson	Revelation 7: 9-17	
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5: 1-12	
Sermon		Rev. Stephanie Schlimm

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UMH 707

Prayers of the People — *For prayer concerns of people by name, please fill out our online registration and ask to join the prayer list in the comments. This will allow us to honor people's privacy while we worship online.*

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 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, forever.

Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

"Blest Are They"

TFWS 2155

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

"Love Divine, All Love's Exceiling"

UMH 384

Tower Chime

Benediction

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
May our lives be a Witness to the Love of God.

Postlude

"For All the Saints"

setting by Robert Hobby

Worship Team

Rev. Stephanie Schlimm, Pastor | Emmy Kubatzke, Director of Children's, Youth & Media Ministries

Al Hattel, Memorial Committee Chairperson | Nick Ashbrook, Board of Trustees Co-Chairperson

Dr. Charles Barland, Organist, Vocalist | Amy Streck, Pianist, Vocalist | Heather Williams, Vocalist

Ann Duchow, Camera, Chimer | Paul Clark, Tech