

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Meditation before Worship

Gracious God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Eternally"

Jacquie D'Angelo

Oh Glorious Almighty God
Your praises we do sing
To honor and in gratitude
Our worship we all bring
Alleluia Our worship we all bring
Surrounded by the beautiful
Created just for us
Your Blessings they astound and awe
In you we place our trust
Alleluia In you we place our trust

Your Love abundant and so true
Your Grace helps keep us strong
In prayer we ask for you to Guide
Our actions be not wrong
Alleluia Our actions be not wrong
This journey will empower us
Our Soul is meant to grow
Our lives they are a Holy Gift
Eternal Love bestowed
Alleluia Eternal Love bestowed

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith,

People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living,

People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *(read in unison)*

We acknowledge before you, O God, that we are drawn to false teachings. We succumb to the adoration of this world when we seek to be noticed, crave being honored, and look for the best seats. We have ignored the true teacher who calls us to lives of humility, kindness, and service toward others. Forgive us. Help us to practice the teachings of Jesus. As we long to place our burdens on you, confident that you will lighten our journeys, so we long to ease the burdens of our friends, families, neighbors, and creatures of earth. Set us on your path, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

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Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Choir

“O Praise Ye The Lord”

arr. John Lloyd

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord reecho around.

Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along.
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Ordinary Life: A Life of Humility” Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into

heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1) #708

***Prayer of Dedication**

Recognition of the Saints

Prayer for All Saints’ Day

Pastor: We thank you, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you ... where your name was lifted and adored.

People: Thank you, Lord.

Pastor: We thank you, O God, for hands lifted in praise ... holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

People: Thank you, Lord.

Pastor: We thank you, God, for hardworking saints ... earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

People: Thank you, Lord.

Pastor: Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices ... examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Dedication of Memorial Gifts

Bob Dexter

Bob Fischer

Gary & Mary Peart

Charles Remley

Helen Lee Roudebush

Nancy Smith

Russ Walls

Kelso Wessel

Harry Wright

Those Who Entered the Church Triumphant

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Bonnie Frame

Nancy Smith

Russ Walls

Bob Fischer

Gary Peart

Terry Alexander

Jack Anders

Mary Peart

Helen Lee Roudebush

Bob Dexter

Charles Remley

Barb Cordle

Ted Slanker

Tammi Herschell

Kelso Wessel

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pew to the center aisle and return to your pew from the outside aisles. An elder will be available to bring communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten free bread can be found on the communion table. You are also invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have entered the church triumphant.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn of Invitation** "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!" #506

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: You, O God ... providence and mercy and show us ways to live.

**People: Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,
power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Leader: You came in human ... live in relationship with you.

**People: Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,
power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Leader: In this meal ... and strengthened for holy living by this meal.

**People: Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People and Remembering the Saints in Our Lives

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, eternal God that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us and have served you with courage and with joy. Renewed for our daily living in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn

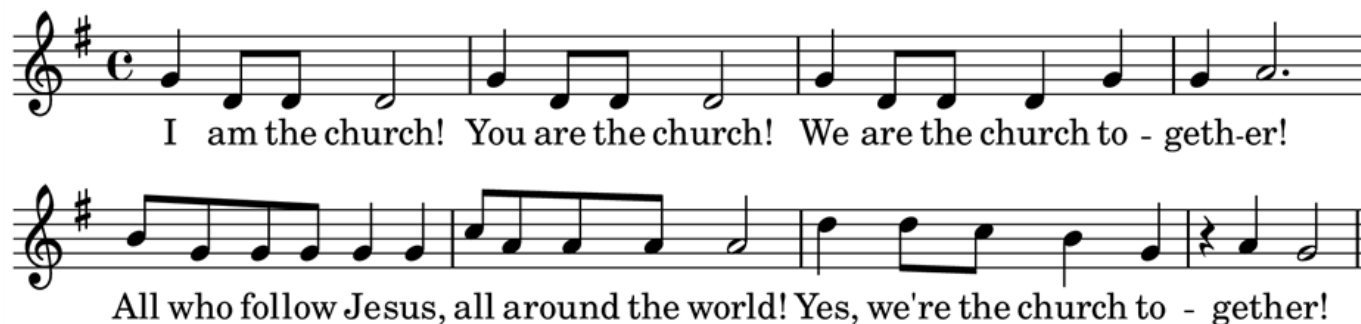
"For All the Saints"

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*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

"We Are the Church"



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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*Postlude

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. Lani Smith

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd
Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Paul Oswalt

Paul Oswalt is an Elder and Deacon and member of the Chancel Choir. He also facilitates the Flock of Ages adult Sunday School class. Originally from Centerburg, Ohio, he married into town and joined First Presbyterian Church of London in 1997. He has two daughters ... Leila is pursuing a Master's degree at Case Western Reserve and Kyla is a freshman at Bowling Green. Paul participates in Madison County Arts Council summer productions and organizes the Music Men & Jen barbershop quartet. He works fulltime for the Madison County Auditor.