

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Cantabile" Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is All Saints Day. We come to remember the great promise of Jesus given to all who have died.

ALL: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.

One: "Whoever believes in me, though dead, shall have eternal life."

ALL: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses both here and in the heavens. Praise to our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "For All the Saints" No. 711

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Lord God, where would we be without those who have gone before us? They carved out paths for us to follow. They endured, as Jesus did, mocking, torture and death, keeping faith by the power of your Spirit. Restored by the power of your forgiveness, they were renewed to proclaim your love and serve others. Among them are those who are especially precious to us. Tell them we love them, we miss them, and long to be with them again once we have given back, over days and years, the earthly life that has been entrusted to us. Amen.

NAMING THE SAINTS

(see insert)

As each name is read and a candle lit for church members who have died in the past year, we thank God for each life which has joined the great Cloud of Witnesses. A final candle will be lit for other friends and family we know, now passed on. You may speak their names aloud when invited to.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

“When the Saints Go Marching In

John Rutter

Glory, glory, hallelujah! The Lord goes marching on. Oh, when the saints go marching in; oh, when the saints go marching in; Lord I want to be in that number; when the saints go marching in. Oh when the revelation comes, O Lord I want to be in that number, when the revelation comes. Oh when the new world is revealed, O Lord I want to be in that number, oh when the new world is revealed. Oh when they gather round the throne, O Lord I want to be in that number, oh when they gather round the throne. Hallelujah brothers, hallelujah sisters! Hear the music going round and round, while the Saints go marching up into glory, oh hear those angel trumpets sound! And when they crown him king of kings, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when they crown him king of kings. And when the sun no more will shine, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the sun no more will shine. And when the moon has turned to blood, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the moon has turned to blood. And on that hallelujah day, oh Lord I want to be in that number, on that hallelujah day.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-7

(NT p. 259)

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Hoping for Heaven?”

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Doxology

No. 95

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Marching to Zion”

No. 733 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“A Blessing”

“Rondeau”

James Chepponis

Joseph Mouret