



A Service for the Worship of God

**November 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
All Saints Day**

PREPARATION

Today is a Communion Sunday. Please have a cup of juice and a piece of any kind of bread for each person worshipping in your home.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

One: On this All Saints Day, we remember those who came before us.

All: Those who loved us into faith and whose life and legacy strengthens us still.

One: We remember that someday we too will join the great chorus of saints in Heaven.

All: May our worship this morning and our lives every day bear witness to God's incredible love and magnificent glory.

One: Thanks be to God for the Body of Christ throughout all time.

All: Alleluia! God is good.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

*One: Hear the good news, God has heard our confessions—
what we have said aloud and what we confessed to God alone.*

All: We know that God’s love covers our sins.

The weight has been lifted and we are free.

*One: May you live in the fullness of your forgiveness and
extend forgiveness to others, just as you have been forgiven.*

Response to Forgiveness

“Celtic Alleluia”

The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Alleluia chorus, and the last two are for the concluding phrase.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you
glo - ry for your ma - jes - ty — fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

Locke family

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within God’s temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Children’s Time

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Anthem

“Marchin’ On Up”
small vocal ensemble

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture

Micah 3:5-12

Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel their sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, “Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us.” Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Sermon

“**Saints Past, Present, and Yet to Come**”

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Moment for Stewardship

Britt Platt

Presentation of Offerings

Josh Sweeney

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a recurring monthly offering to the church

Presentation Hymn # 375

Lord of All Good”

verse 1

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Hymn # 506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

verses 1, 2

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

The bread broken and the cup poured by the pastors symbolizes our unity as the Body of Christ in this sacrament.

After the words, “The Body of Christ, given for you,” are spoken, serve a yourself or a family member, saying the same words. After the words, “The Cup of the New Covenant, given for you,” are spoken, do the same.

Prayer After Communion and 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.

Hymn # 756

“O God of Every Nation”

omit verse 2

Benediction

Postlude



Flowers for this Sunday’s service were given by Jerry Craig in memory of her beloved husband, Tom.

Communion liturgy adapted from Carol H. Prickett.

Prayer of Confession adapted from "Guerrillas of Grace"