

November 1, 2020 ~ All Saints Day

PRELUDE: "Awesome God Rich" Mullins/arr. Bill Wolaver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM:

Sherry Satin, 2nd

Paulo Steinberg, 2nd

GATHERING SONG: No. 406 – "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Sing praises to God,

who made heaven and earth,

who is faithful forever,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

who watches over the stranger,

who cares for widows and orphans.

The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: NO. 515 – "I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,

in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord, forgive us.

**We are blind to our own brokenness,
yet focused on the failings of others.**

**We are deaf to the cries of those who need us,
numb to the need of those who hurt.**

**We are silent when words are needed,
impotent when action is required.**

Lord, hear our anguish,

**pity our brokenness,
speak life and forgiveness to our weary souls.**

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

Beloved, hear the good news:
through Christ we are forgiven!
**Our hope is in the Lord our God,
who keeps faith with us forever.
God's mercy is everlasting!**

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 59 – "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:24-26 and 1 Kings 17:1-24

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the
Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray
without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and
Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices**

of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: No. 607 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (tune #606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

On my own
what I have to give
doesn't amount to much
in the light of all you have given to me
and in the face of so much need.
Put together as a congregation,
what we offer you here in love
becomes more,
not simply added together,
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.
We ask you to bless our gifts
and with the addition of your blessing,
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,
there is enough for all.

Amen

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 510 – “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

We gather here in Jesus’ name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;
everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,
of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

We’ll gather soon where angels sing;
we’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Minister/Leader *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Minister/Leader *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*FINAL HYMN: No. 326 – “For All the Saints” - v. 1-4

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 326 – “For All the Saints” v. 5

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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