

All Saints' Day
November 7, 2021
10 am

Pre-Service Music

Prelude

Blessed Are the Dead

Jeanne Klusewitz

~ Healey Willan

Welcome

Call to Worship

For all the saints who have gone before us,
who have touched our lives and borne witness to the love of God;
for all the saints who live beside us,
whose stories are woven into our own;
for all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change the world with them;
we bring our thanks and praise to God.

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

UMH #711

(vv. 1-2, 4 & 6)

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Verse 1

For all the saints, who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2

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!

Verse 4

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

Verse 6

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!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in You: in Christ You weep with those who mourn, even as You cry out in triumph over the grave. As we gather to remember those whom we have loved and lost, comfort us with Your presence and renew our faith in the resurrection. May the witness of these saints strengthen us to run the

race that is set before us, so that we may, with them, be raised from death to life eternal. We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Pastor Jen Eschliman

A Time of Remembrance

*Steven Wayne Blessing, Russell "Bud" Snowden Clayton,
Gerald Craig Correll, Vivian Margaret Steele Crouse,
Willard "Bill" Eaton Eysaman, Miranda "Betty" Elizabeth Flohr,
James "Jim" Thomas Kane, Jr., Helen Louise Meyers,*

*George Carroll Oursler, Dr. William Richard Rosenberger,
Frank Hudson Simmonds, Jr., Sandra "Sandy" Sue Thawley,
Sherri Louise Vance, Hortense "Tensie" Eugenie Wenderoth*

Songs

If You See Me Now

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Kim Noblitt

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I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

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A Time of Remembrance Prayer

After the candle-lighting is finished, all pray together:

Gracious and loving God, for these precious friends and Christian people of all the ages who have enriched our lives, we give You thanks and praise. Along with them are many others named in our hearts, whose lives taught us the meaning of faith, love and self-sacrifice. We have not forgotten and cannot forget these saints, whose presence contributed to the richness of our lives. Be with us in our grief. Mix our sadness with joy. Hear our gratitude as we say thanks for those whom we have known and loved, who have passed from our presence into fuller life with You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

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.

Communion Anthem

Come to the Feast

Chancel Singers

~ Mary Kay Beall

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Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

Marching to Zion

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(vv. 1, 3-4)

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Verse 1

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

Verse 3

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry
We're marching through Emmaneul's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high **(Refrain)**

Sending Forth

Announcements

- **Get Ready for Holiday Decorating!**

The Circle of Friends is back with Christmas wreaths and greenery. Shop for local pick up or hop online (<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/rumcwreaths>) to place direct ship orders. Decorate your home or send a gift to a loved one, and help us fund missions for women, children, and families! All orders – local and online – are **Due Tomorrow November 8th**. Delivery will be within two weeks from Thanksgiving.

- **The Holly Fair bake table is looking for donations.** We are looking for items such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, cakes, pies, pumpkin rolls, etc. The items would need to be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, November 12th. Please contact Kim McManus (jkjr-mcmanus@comcast.net or [410-812-1822](tel:410-812-1822)) if you can help

- **Mark your calendars!! The Holly Fair is just a 1 week away.** We have an awesome lineup of vendors that will meet all of your holiday shopping needs. We look forward to seeing everyone on November 13th!!

- **BASKETS of LOVE**

The care team will be putting together 25 "Baskets of Love" for our members who are homebound. We are looking for donations of small items ie chap stick, combs, pens, tissues etc. We already have donations of 2 year planners, body lotion and hard candy. Items can be left on the glass table in the Narthex labeled "For Baskets of Love-Amy Hart" by November 21st. Thanks for helping us remember our church members who can't worship with us at this time.

Benediction

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

~Paul Manz

Jeanne Klusewitz