

All Saints' Day
November 6, 2022
10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer
~arr. David H. Heagarty
Based on the tune by William B. Bradbury

Andy Potts

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (*based on Hebrews 12:1; 5:9*)

Siblings in Christ,

today we remember and give thanks for the faithful servants of God
in every age, whose lives have testified to God's goodness and grace.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**In the name of Jesus, the author of our salvation and the source of our hope,
we bring praise and thanksgiving to God.**

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints
(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*)

Good and faithful God, we gather to celebrate all that You have done: from creation, to the cross and empty tomb, to the gift of the saints who have lived among us. For those near to us who have shaped our faith, for those in public roles who have inspired us, and for those in generations past who have paved the way for us, may You receive glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen Eschliman

A Time of Remembrance

Reisterstown UMC Congregation Members

*Paul Vernon Bonicker, Margaret "Peggy" Morey Eline,
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Lois Ann Woodworth, Carole H. Zeigler*

Other Friends & Loved Ones

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Candle lighting

If You Could See Me Now

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Kim Noblitt

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I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

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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.

Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ 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, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who 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. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ 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.”

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

When the Saints Go Marching In

Chancel Singers

arr. Kirby Shaw

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Message

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[...]

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[...]

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

[...]

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 Song

Let It Rain

Michael Farren

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Let it rain, let it rain | Open the floodgates of Heaven

Let it rain, let it rain | Open the floodgates of Heaven **(Repeat)**

Agnus Dei

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Verse

Alleluia alleluia | For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia | For the Lord God Almighty reigns | Alleluia

Chorus

(You are) Holy holy | Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb | Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy | Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb | Worthy is the Lamb **(Repeat)**

Ending

Amen

Prayer After Communion

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 Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high **(Refrain)**

Sending Forth**Benediction****Postlude**

For All the Saints
~arr. Mark Hayes

Andy Potts