

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Martin Luther
Arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We gather, with the company of the faithful:

**those who know the way to the kingdom,
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.**

We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:

**those who made compassion their day job
and those who have no day named after them.**

We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

**those who showed us the dance steps of heaven,
and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.**

* HYMN *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* No. 451

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

We only have to look in the mirror, recall the hurtful words we spoke this week, remember the person in need that we hurried past, to know that we are no saints. Yet, like them, it is us – with our failings and foolish lives – called by God to carry the good news into the world. Let us confess our sins, that we might set them down and pick up the gospel, as we pray together, saying,

**On this long journey we call life, Holy God, we fail to live as your people.
Too often, we do not in glory shine, but dig through the garbage of life. We are
too busy in our pursuits for more and more to rest in you. We prefer our own
company rather than that blessed communion of your household of faith.**

**Have mercy and forgive us, Creator of Life. While we are born of dust, we
are nursed by your grace, so that we might share pictures of your kingdom
which is unfolding in our midst, so we might tell the stories of your wonder
which wraps around us like warm shawls, so we might sing of the One who has
come to transform us from sinners into saints, Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Do you see them, there out of the corner of your eye? The people to your right and left, in front of you and behind? They, like you, are God's saints – ordinary, everyday, forgiven people of God.

**Baptized, called, gifted – we will go to share the Christ-flame with everyone
we meet, for we are God's children, forgiven and made whole.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God Whose Goodness...* (see insert)

**1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me,
and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now and ev-er shall be. A-men**

**2. World without end, without end. A-men.
World without end, without end. A-men.
World without end, without end. A-men.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now and ev-er shall be. A-men**

HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:11-23 Pg. 184
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon Reader

ANTHEM *For All the Saints* William Wakefield

TIME WITH CHILDREN Tune STF 2233

(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON ***What Disciples Do: Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation

God has already begun and will surely finish.

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned

and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears or pain.

All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God
and each other will be perfected. Amen.**

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* No. 438

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Nancy Rosi

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

For All the Saints

Joseph Bamby
Arr. Wilbur Held

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Glory to God (Taizé)* (see insert)
***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the High—est
Glory to God, Glory to God, Al—le—lu—ia, Al—le—lu—ia***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *O Day of Peace* No. 450

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place,
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate His grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

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Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Ushers: Ralph and Marcia Hecox

Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi

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All Saints Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope

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To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.

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