

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Viv

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with Your fire,
we praise you, O God. *A candle is lighted on the altar.*

For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God. *A candle is lighted on the altar.*

For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God. *A candle is lighted on the altar.*

***HYMN #708**

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

- 1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!**
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

**2. Some march with events, to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.**

**3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!**

**4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Pastor Karen

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Gracious God.

**There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends,
which we would like to forget.**

There are those we believe are impossible to love,
and so we don't try.

**There are people who live on the edge of our society,
and we ignore their cries for help.**

Forgive us, God who comes near to us.

When we have lost our way, show us yours.

Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom.

Teach us your truth,

so we might be able to keep your Word,

revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. *Silence is kept.*

God does not remember our sins,
but does remember the promises which have been made to us.
God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.
Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.
You are the God of all our days. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21: 1-6a

Robb McCombe, Reader

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM **“Gather Round the Table of the Lord”** **The Choir**
Words and Music by Mary Kay Beall, Arr. by John Carter

MESSAGE **REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The names of those you submitted to be remembered this day will be read aloud at this time and candles lighted. On the altar are photographs of our congregation's and community's saints who passed since last November.

*Rev. Richard Klein, d. October 5, 2021
Margaret Simmons, d. July 30, 2021
Joseph C. Stuart, d. July 31, 2021
Rev. Edward Wynn, Jr. d. August 23, 2021
Jennifer Williams, d. January 23, 2021
Julie Barbatsuly Elphinstone, d. Dec. 31, 2020
Irene Decker, d. December 17, 2020*

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER With All the Saints!

In our Methodist tradition all who love the Lord Jesus Christ or who wish to know him better are invited to receive communion. Children may receive along with an adult.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
In which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
In the strength of your Spirit,

To give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN # 712

"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Stand as able.

CALENDAR

Monday, November 8

10 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group

7 PM Zoom Finance Meeting

8 PM Zoom Trustee Meeting