



“A Wonder-Full Life: Looking Out”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion for All Saints Day

**Order of Worship
November 6, 2022
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Morning Star

Sung Response

Be Thou My Vision, Verse One

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Opening Litany

Lighting the Candle of Faith

Liturgist

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,
there is understanding;
where there is understanding,
there is compassion;
where there is compassion,
there is possibility;
where there is possibility;
there is transformation.

Holy and Living God,
transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.
**Open us to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us
for a “wonder-full” life.**

Hymn Introduction

Liturgist

“Our opening hymn is “For All the Saints.” Written by the Anglican bishop, William Walsham How, especially for All Saints Sunday, the hymn references Hebrew 12:1: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Also, this hymn is a commentary to what we believe when we profess these words from the Apostles’ Creed, “I believe in the Communion of Saints.” As we sing “For All the Saints, may we sing this as a statement to our faith. The words are on the monitors or you may turn to page 711 in the United Methodist Hymnal.

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Liturgist:

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Ministry of Music

Will The Circle Be Unbroken

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

It’s a Wonderful Life Video

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CEB)

Liturgist

This is a Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Wonder-Full Life: Looking Out”

Pastor Debra

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

Honoring Veterans

Roxanne Tipton and Judy Fry

Offertory Invitation

Pastor Debra

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Where Shall I Go?

**Doxology*

Be Thou My Vision, Verse Three

Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise;

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

**Prayer of Dedication*

Liturgist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Debra

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debra

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Debra

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen!

All Saints Day Remembrance

Pastor Debra

Today we come to you boldly proclaiming the promise of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord. Comfort us as when we grieve the loss of loved ones and remind us that your communion table stretches from the church altar to the communion of saints. Open our hearts and our lips to speak once more of your hope that always exist, always perseveres, and always conquers darkness even on our hardest of days. Heal us Lord, so that we may be your healing hands to the world. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

In gratitude for the gifts of these saints, we take a moment to name them before your and celebrate the blessings of their lives.

11/28/21 Lance Cross

1/16/22 Helen Mossburg

1/17/22 Franklin Hall

8/26/22 Jerry Caseman

9/12/22 Hunter deButts

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Debra

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God),
Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.
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!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we have already
named and those whom we name in our hearts before you now. *Few moments of silence.*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

Day after day after day you give yourself to us: in two or more gathered in your name, in connection across the miles, and in bread and cup. As we go from this worship, may we feel restored to your body, companioned by your people, and sustained by the power of your Spirit as we witness to your healing and reconciling work. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

Whom Shall I Send

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Go now and take hold of the life that really is life.
Shun the eagerness for money
but be rich in good works.
Pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

And may God be your refuge and fortress;
May Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you;
And may the Holy Spirit provide you with everything
for godliness and contentment.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.**

Postlude

Spread the Word

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*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. [Refrain]*

*3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. [Refrain]*

*4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [Refrain]*

*5. 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. [Refrain]*

*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:
(Refrain)*

WHOM SHALL I SEND

*Whom shall I send? our Maker cries;
and many, when they hear God's voice,
are sure where their vocation lies;
but many shrink from such a choice.*

*2 For who can serve a God so pure,
or claim to speak in such a name,*

*while doubt makes every step unsure,
and self confuses every aim?*

*3 And yet, believing God who calls
knows what we are and still may be,
our past defeats, our future falls,
we dare to answer: Lord, send me!*

*4 Those who are called God purifies,
and daily gives us strength to bend
our thoughts, our skills, our energies,
and life itself to this one end.*