



November 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Autumn Song

Ritter

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Susan Whitman

L: How good it is to gather together to praise our God!

P: It is a joyous thing to sing and speak God's praises!

L: Let your hearts be glad and your spirits rejoice!

P: May we with joy and thanksgiving, give our attention to God's word and love for us. AMEN.

Opening prayer

God of gentle, loving guidance, who brought the Israelites into a new land, filled with new hope and promise: Be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of your abiding love and presence with us. Help us to place our trust solely in you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

***Hymn**

For All the Saints (Verses 1-4)

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***Passing The Peace of Christ**

Susan Whitman

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

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music*If We Truly Believe*

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSEPrayer for Illumination*All Praying*

Susan Whitman

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

Scripture Readings*Matthew 6:19-24*

Susan Whitman

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[c] your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[d] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!Sermon*“Wisdom from the Saints”*

Pastor Larry

The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Susan Whitman

God is with us each day offering so many blessings. Now we bring these gifts in an attitude of praise and thanksgiving.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory In Christ Alone

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**Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Susan Whitman

O Lord, bless these gifts and the lives that these gifts represent. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***Hymn**

Turn your Eyes on Jesus (Sung Twice)

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Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Larry

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.
Silent Confession and Pardon

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Some of the responses will be sung. Words are on the monitors. Music is on page 17 in the UMH. Choir will lead.)

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:
 (Sing Response)

**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.
 (Sing Response)

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 name before you:

Marie Hall

Nancy Moorcones

Ann Pullen

Charles Light

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 Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen. (Sing)

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

I Come With Joy

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Prayer at the Close of Communion

Pastor Larry

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.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn**

When We All Get to Heaven

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

Benediction Hymn

**Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
and make his face to shine upon you;
and may God lift his countenance upon you
and give you blessed peace for now and evermore.**

***Postlude**

Jubilate Amen

Charles

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]*

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace. (Sing twice)*

I COME WITH JOY

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.*

*2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.*

*5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.*

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.*

Refrain:

***When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!***

*2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.*

(Refrain)

*3. Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay.*

(Refrain)

*4. Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold.*

(Refrain)