



November 3, 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Bread of Heaven

Jordon

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates.

The King of glory has come.

Mourning and death shall be no more.

Feast on rich food and fine wine.

Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Tina Wilmoth

Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings, wipe away our tears,

that we may come before your throne

with hearts full of song

and with souls on fire.

Help us live as those who are prepared to die,

so when our time to depart comes

we may go forth

as those who are prepared to live.

Whether living or dying, O Lord,

our hearts will always belong to you. Amen.

Hymn*For All the Saints*

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Tina Wilmoth

God wipes away our tears, bestowing blessings upon us. Let us share signs of these blessings as we rejoice in the peace and fellowship of the saints of God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music*Heaven Medley*

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**Prayer of Preparation**

All Praying

The word of God is trustworthy and true. Listen for the word of God.

Scripture Reading*Hebrews 12:1-3*

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,² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

HymnSweet, Sweet Spirit*

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Sermon*"A Great Cloud of Witnesses"*

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Tina Wilmoth

As forgiven and reconciled people let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In Perfect Peace

Riggs

**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

Tina Wilmoth

**God of abundance, you bless us with rich food
and fine drink at your banquet table.**

**May our offering nourish the bodies and souls
of those who know only hunger and want.**

Bless our gifts into your holy service,

that all may come to know

the blessings of your table

and the wonder of your love. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Larry

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING with Music Response

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.

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.

The pastor may raise hands.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you—

George Wilmoth

Peggy Dunford

Helen Cook

James Crosen

Everyone in our hearts

(Ring a Bell after reading each name)

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.**

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

Communion Hymn

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)

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 WITH JOY

Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Chorale Benediction**

Go Make of All Disciples

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*"Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.*

***Postlude**

Let the Word Go Forth

Birchwood

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)*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain:

***Sweet Holy Spirit,
Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.***

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

Refrain:

***Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!***

*2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]*

*3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]
I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
will be with me to the end. [Refrain]*

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)