

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalm 118:24

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~ Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost/ All Saints 'Day ~

10am Worship

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People
Time to speak with each other

Greeting
"The Lord be with you…
And also with you."

Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.
Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Roger Eddy / Congregation

L: Come to the fountain of life.
P: Come to the streams of mercy.
L: Come, dip in the reservoir of forgiveness,
P: Immerse yourself in the waters of healing.
L: Come, be renewed by the eternal springs,
P: Be filled with overflowing blessing.
L: Come, walk beside still waters,
P: Be empowered by the rivers of justice.
L: Come, all you yearning for meaning, hoping for truth, thirsting for God.
All: Here, find your thirst quenched and your joy expanded.

♪ **Gathering Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #77**

The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

Rev. Jack Branford

The Call to Confession

Roger Eddy

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have spoken to men and women of old through dreams and visions. Yet, the stress and worries of life may keep us bound to the earth. Fill us with vision, lead us into the future, and enable us to grow toward a deeper understanding of your nature, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Words of Assurance

Roger Eddy

The Law

Roger Eddy

♪ **"Glory Be to the Father"**

Anthem

We Proclaim the Good News

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 23: 1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Meditation

Rev. Jack Branford

We Respond to the Good News

(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)

The Offering

♪ **The Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

The Offertory Prayer

O God, you crown us with distinction and honor. You lavish us with gifts in abundance. You spread your mercy before us as a host preparing a banquet. What we offer, you have already given us. What we do with our hands is a gift of the life you breathe into us. We give you but your own, a legacy of your love and concern. Amen.



All Saints' Communion Service

Invitation

L: Today we are one with the great cloud of witnesses who have run the race of life with perseverance.
P: A table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation is prepared for us.
L: Come, you saints of God, and share in the bounty of Christ's meal of remembrance.
P: We come, celebrating the joy of our brothers and sisters who have entered through the gate of eternal life.

Profession of Faith

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true

faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. The communion of saints – believers one and all – as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members. *From Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54-55*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

O God, we praise you today for saints and martyrs, faithful people in every age, who have followed your Son and testified to his resurrection. Strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we gather around Christ's banquet table in the hope of one day receiving your promise of an unfading crown of glory.

Creator God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you, and with the saints through all the ages, we thank you for your saving love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

♪ **Communion Hymn: "In Remembrance of Me" (See Insert)**

Words of Institution

Bread
Cup

Prayer Response

Holy one, we join with all the saints who rest from their labors in confessing the name of Jesus as forever blest. You were their rock, their fortress and their might. Strengthen us as we remember them and as we go into the world to do your will. Amen.

All Saints' Service
Litany For All Saints' Service

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right and just to give our thanks and praise.

L: God of ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: For those we have known and loved, for teachers and students, colleagues and friends, or parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, for all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Let us come together in prayer.....Let us pray:

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♪ **Sending Hymn: "For All the Saints" #751**

Benediction

Postlude



Communion Preparer: Heather Bosko
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See the information table for a list of our current Consistory Members and Committees.