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November 1, 2020, 10:30 am

All Saints' Day

Order of Worship

Prelude

Musician Patrice Meschke

Welcome

Pastor Heidi Vardeman

Gathering Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Call to Worship, inspired by Rev. 7:9-10

Heidi Vardeman

I looked out, and there was great multitude that none could count.

I saw before me people from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.

They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to all.

Let us join together to worship God.

Hymn STF#2282

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away;

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away;

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;

To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away;

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are too often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your love, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we shrug it off. You call us to live faithfully and with courage, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

... Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen!

Song of Rejoicing

The First Song of Isaiah

We sing the first stanza for ourselves as individuals:

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

and he will be my Savior.

We sing the second stanza as a church, a community of faith:

**Surely, it is God who saves us;
We will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and he will be our Savior.**

Passing the Peace

... The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The pastor will now “unmute” all participants. Add video if you are on Zoom. Please greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying “Peace!”

Concerns of The Church

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 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.

Communion Meditation

Katrina Bergman

Hymn #364

I Sing A Song of the Saints of God
**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.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God’s 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.**

**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, or in lanes, or at sea,**

in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the 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.

We praise you, O God.

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

We praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held faith in trial and served others.

We praise you, O God.

For those who have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

We praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow the way of Christ, then at the last bring us with them to share the inheritance of all the saints in light.

We praise you, O God.

For these gifts of bread and wine, and for the community that this meal provides, we give you thanks and praise. We sit at table with those who have come before us and those who will follow, with believers of every nation and tribe, joining together in praise and thanksgiving.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for this meal shared in the spirit with your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for this food in our journey of faith as we seek to live faithfully, and with courage, witnessing in all that we do for your love and justice upon the earth. Amen.

The Offertory

Moment for Stewardship

Doxology #591

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Receive our offering, gracious God, which we present to you with joy, giving thanks always for the earth, and all that is in it, and for the world, and those who live in it. Amen.

Closing Hymn #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer for the Nation

Benediction

Fellowship

Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!