

The Worship of God

November 4, 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Air from the *Orchestral Suite #3* J.S. Bach/arr. David N. Johnson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Shall We Gather at the River arr. Dale Wood

CHILDREN'S CHORAL INTROIT: "God Be in My Head" Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart. God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*): "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed are you, God our Father, for surrounding us with so great a cloud of witnesses:

People: For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire;

Minister: For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own;

People: For all the saints, who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them;

Minister: For these and all your mercies, we praise you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: Blessed be God for ever! Oremus/Janet Morley
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* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S CHORAL ADORATION: "Pié Jesu" Tom Shelton

Pié Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Merciful Jesus Lord, give them rest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Pié Jesu, dona eis requiem sempiternam. Merciful Jesus, give them rest eternally.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

THE HOMILY

THE NAMING OF OUR BELOVED SAINTS

Ella Coats

Dorcas Cooper

Nancy Henry

Joanna McDevitt

Jean St. Clair

Corrinne Willcox

THE KINDLING OF THE FLAMES

After the candles have been lit in memory of these friends, you are invited to come forward during the anthem and light a candle in memory of a loved one from your circle of friends or family, especially if the death has occurred during the past year. You may also light a candle for someone who died years ago, but whose memory is still bright for you. Deacons will be at the head of the center aisle to provide candles, light them, and help you place them in the chancel area.

SOLO: "Goin' Home" arr. W. Fisher/based on Antonin Dvořák's "Largo" from *Symphony No. 9*

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just goin' home, quiet like some still day, I'm just goin' home. It's not far, just close by, through an open door. Work all done, care laid by, goin' to fear no more. Mother's there 'spectin' me, and father's waitin' too, lots of folk are gathered there, All the friends I knew. Home, home, I'm goin' home. Nothin's lost, all's gain. No more fret or pain, no more stumbling on the way, and no more longin' for the day, goin' to roam no more. Mornin' star lights the way, restless dreams all done, shadow's gone, break of day, real life's just begun. There's no break, ain't no end, just a-livin' on, I'm wide awake with a smile, goin' on and on. Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just goin' home, it's not far, just close by, through an open door, I'm just goin' home. Goin' home.

Bo Browder, soloist

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-7

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 638: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: In Paradisum Gabriel Fauré/arr. Marcel Dupré

* THE DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Requiem" Eliza Gilkyson

Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken. All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken, taken by the sea. Mother Mary, calm our fears, have mercy. Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy. Hear our mournful plea. Our world has been shaken. We wander our homelands forsaken. In the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all. Oh, Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace that our sorrows may be faced. Mary, fill the glass to overflowing, illuminate the path where we are going. Have mercy on us all. In funeral fires burning, each flame to your mystery returning. In the dark night of the soul, your shattered dreamers, make them whole. Oh Mother Mary find us where we've fallen out of grace, lead us to a higher place. In the dark night of the soul, our broken hearts you can make whole. Oh Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace. Let us see your gentle face, Mary.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ruth 1:1-17

SERMON: "No One Way" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us an oppressive weight of guilt and judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change, open us to a future filled with hope and possibility, and grant us grace to grow more like him whom we call Master, Lord, and Friend.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; he descended into Hell; 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.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 637: "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude *Salvation Has Come to Us* J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Theo Pitt, Sr. By Theo and Molly Pitt.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Phil Valera
Guest Organist

Edward Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Reynolds Cobb
Torch Bearer

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Cornelia Singletary

Pianist
Madi Adkins
Crucifer

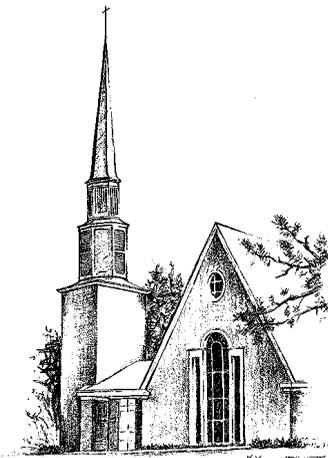
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Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.



*Worship
at
Lakeside*

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