

**November 6, 2022  
All Saints Sunday**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

**People: We come to give thanks for them.**

Leader: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

**People: We come to ask for guidance and courage.**

Leader: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

**People: We come to worship the Holy God.**

**\*Hymn #295: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

**\*Collect**

**Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace** "Peace Like a River", verse 1, using ending 2 page 478

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

**Stewardship Moment**

David Alexander

**Anthem**

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Scripture** *(read as a litany and paraphrasing Revelation 14:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; 1 Corinthians 15:35, 37, 43, 53; John 14:2; 11:25-26; and Wisdom of Solomon 2:3; RSV)*

Leader: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ from henceforth,

**People: That they may rest from their labors, for their works shall follow them**

Leader: Do not be ignorant, friends, concerning those who fall asleep.

**People:** **That you sorrow not as those who have no hope;**  
**Leader:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
**People:** **Even so those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will God receive.**  
**Leader:** But someone will say, "How are the dead raised?" and "In what manner of body do they come?"

**People:** **That which we sow is not the body that shall be, but a bare grain.**  
**Leader:** But God gives it a body even as it pleases God, and to each seed a body of its own.

**People:** **It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.**  
**Leader:** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**People:** **For if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**  
**Leader:** Jesus said, "In God's house are many rooms...for I go to prepare a place for you."

**People:** **"I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you."**  
**Leader:** "The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, shall teach you all things, and bring you to remembrance of all that I have said to you."

**People:** **"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**  
**Leader:** "For I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they be dead, shall yet be alive."

**People:** **"And whoever believes in me shall never die."**  
**Leader:** God created all people to be immortal, and made us in the divine eternal image.

**People:** **The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there no evil can touch them.**  
**Leader:** They are in peace and their hope is full of immortality.

**People:** **For God tested them, and found them worthy. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #299:** "For All the Saints"

### **Service of Remembrance**

**Leader:** We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints. Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth. Two of them are persons who have died this past year and who were an important part of this community.

**Leader:** We remember those close to our hearts whose labors are ended and who are now in eternal rest.....

*A chime rings*

**ALL:** **For all that they were by nature and faith and to those who loved them we give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: We acknowledge those who are living saints to us now in this place and in our lives...

*A chime rings*

**ALL: For all that they are by nature and faith and to all who love them, we give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: We remember and celebrate the lives of John Lloyd and Patti Stange who were a part of our community. We gather to commend their lives to God as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection. For whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord both of the living and the dead.

*A chime rings*

**ALL: For all that they were by nature and faith and to those who loved them we give you thanks, O God.**

**Celebrating the life of John Lloyd**

**Celebrating the life of Patti Stange**

**\*Prayer of Commendation and Lord's Prayer**

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants John and Patti. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, and children of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light. We pray this prayer in the company of all Christians who join together praying as Jesus taught them: Our Father...**

**Meditation on Ephesians 1:11-23**

**\*Hymn #606: "Nearer, My God, to You"**

**Offering Invitation**

As the days become cooler and the leaves of summer begin to wear their fall colors, we are reminded of the many ways God interacts with the world to meet its many needs. The cycle of life goes on and we are among the actors. But more importantly, we are stewards and caretakers of the earth because we are made in God's image. Let us now share in that responsibility as we set aside a portion of our wealth to fulfill our task as stewards of the earth.

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of our abundance in all times and a never-failing compassion for all who need hope, for we pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the source of hope *and* joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation**

This table is open to all who seek to follow Christ's presence. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.

Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Words of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #81:** "God Be With You

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude