

**November 5, 2023  
All Saint's Sunday**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

**People: Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth.**

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

**People: But *all* have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.**

**ALL: We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!**

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Stewardship Moment:** Alex Burnett

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 Karen Jones

**Anthem:** *[Following the Anthem, all Young Disciples may go to their class at this time]*

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Service of Remembrance**

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints. 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.

**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 will, and courage to live as your people in this day; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "Naming the names, telling the stories"

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

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to the Offering**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

**\*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**

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of your Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**ALL:** This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather around Christ's table.

**Leader:** This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and share in the community of God's people.

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.**

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of you being. ....With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,**

**the whole universe speaks of your glory,**

**O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Words of Institution and Consecration**

**Sharing the elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #376: "God, We Thank You for Our People"**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**