



*We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.*

November 1, 2020  
**All Saints' Day**

PRELUDE

*For All the Saints*

Sylvia Oines

GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the church that lives into God's future today.  
**A church united across space and time.**  
A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.  
**A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.**  
The one who is seated on the throne says to us:  
**"See, I am making all things new!"**  
A new heaven and a new earth,  
where the home of God is among God's people.  
**God's future is epic, and it's good news.**  
**Remember God's future, for this is our story!**  
Let us worship God.

GATHERING HYMN 375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Believers, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. Looking to Christ to mend us and make us whole, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

"The kingdom belongs to the hopeless," you tell us; and, "How honorable are those who mourn."  
Sometimes, we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit, rather than surrounding them with our care.  
When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion because of our own discomfort or distress,  
**forgive us.**

When we rush past those searching for hope because we do not have the "right" words to say,  
**forgive us.**

God, break open our hardened hearts.

Grant us the grace to turn toward others with loving kindness, and help us be instruments of healing and wholeness.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

GLORIA: HYMN 384

*Soon and Very Soon*

Stanza 1

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
You may comment a message of peace in the comment section below the live stream if you wish.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

RESPONSE

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE POEM

*Remember*

Joy Harjo

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

RESPONSE

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Doomed to Remember"

Rev. Paul Akin

## DEDICATION OF THE SAINTS

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants,  
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.  
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 are still shining lights in the world, we praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved,  
for all 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 in the way of Christ.  
Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance  
of the saints in light; in Jesus' name we pray. *Amen*

## RECITATION OF NAMES AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

### CANDLE LIGHTING

MEMORIAL MUSIC      *Be Still my Soul*      Robert J. Powell

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SELF OFFERING

We are invited in silent prayer,  
to offer our lives and our world to God.

### SILENT PRAYER

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you God,  
for you are always faithful to your people.  
Let these gifts be signs and instruments of your faithfulness  
to all who will be blessed by them.  
We pray in Jesus' name. *Amen*

SENDING HYMN 326      *For All the Saints*  
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE      *For All the Saints*      Greg Bottomley

*We remember these members and friends of this  
church who passed to the Church Triumphant in the  
past 12 months:*

Grace Young  
Frank McConnell  
Jake (JJ) De Ryke  
James Liang  
Don Kolsrud  
Janice Baumbach  
James Winegarden  
Esther Viksten  
Shirley Pate  
Dallis Meier  
Anne Bentson  
Elizabeth Robinson  
Jonathon Thull



## *Prayer*

*You may choose to use this  
prayer at home to remember  
the saints in your life.*

God of grace,  
we thank you for the saints  
whom we ourselves have known and loved.  
It might not come easily to us to call them saints;  
it seems as if ordinary mortals  
are not good enough or great enough,  
but you have given your people this name  
and invited us into your company,  
and you know how much we have loved them.  
So for these good companions,  
whom we name before you for their love  
and for our love of them,  
we give you grateful thanks  
[*speak the name or names aloud or in your heart*].

In the mystery of your love, in the power of your Spirit,  
we are one with them. We give great thanks. *Amen*