

## All Saints Sunday

10:30 a.m.

November 5, 2023

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### *Silent Procession*

#### **Call to Worship**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal whose faith let us now declare:

**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; 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.**

#### **Opening Hymn 709\*\*** - *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*

*Come, let us join our friends above  
who have obtained the prize,  
and on the eagle wings of love  
to joys celestial rise.*

*Let saints on earth unite to sing  
with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King  
in earth and heaven are one.*

*One family we dwell in him,  
one church above, beneath,  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death;  
one army of the living God,  
to his command we bow;  
part of his host have crossed the flood,  
and part are crossing now.*

*Ten thousand to their endless home  
this solemn moment fly,  
and we are to the margin come,  
and we expect to die.  
E'en now by faith we join our hands  
with those that went before,  
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands  
on the eternal shore.*

*Our spirits too shall quickly join,  
like theirs with glory crowned,  
and shout to see our Captain's sign,  
to hear this trumpet sound.  
O that we now might grasp our Guide!  
O that the word were given!  
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide,  
and land us all in heaven.*

### ***Invocation***

Lord, we gather in this your sanctuary to praise and worship you. We have come to remember those whom we have lost in this life to death. We know that in the midst of life we are in death. We experience not only physical death, but the death of relationships, poverty, disease, and a decaying world. All of creation is crying out to you to be put back to the way you intended it to be, and we indeed pray for that day. We thank you Lord for this gift of suffering, for by it, it is our wake-up call to tell us that we live in a world that is not the way it is supposed to be. Use, O Lord, the loneliness and emptiness we sometimes feel to point us to You, to know that love never ends, to know that we will be united together in Christ with you our God for all eternity. Teach us, Lord, as we worship, that You are the Truth, the Way, and the Life. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### ***Requiem Aeternam***

### ***Prayer of Confession***

O Giver of Life that surges through all living things and is our Source, we confess that we have often closed ourselves off and prevented the river flow of life through us. We have lost touch with the unique worth of the life each of us has to live. Our eyes fail to perceive beauty in people and in the world. Open our eyes, that we may walk in newness of life through the One who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

### ***Out of the Deep***

### ***The Absolution***

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

### ***Pie Jesu***

(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

### ***Doxology\*\****

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ***Communion Liturgy***

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

### ***Sanctus***

### ***Scripture Readings***

1 Corinthians 13:4-13; Hebrews 12:1-2

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-13 -**

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a

mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### **Hebrews 12:1-2 -**

Therefore, 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, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reflection**

#### ***Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### ***Agnus Dei***

#### ***The Lord is My Shepherd***

### ***Communion***

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

**Alice Becher  
William Blocksom  
Marianna Blocksom  
Patsy Boyd  
Carl Cochran  
Thomas Cully  
Inez Dudek  
Joyce Haberkost  
William Hunt  
Lucy Johnson**

**Keith Kilgore  
Gary Kinsey  
George Kirk  
Julie Kraft  
Jane Krejci  
Clyde Kunce  
Doris Kuzas  
Gerald Lewis  
Neal Lindsley  
Augustus Mercurio**

**Mary Beth Milford  
James Ringkor  
Gloria Roepke  
Shirley Smith  
Sonia Suter  
Robert Todd  
Mary Tunstall  
Marilyn Waller  
Doris Warnick  
Arthur Wilson**

#### ***Lux Aeternam***

### ***Closing Prayer***

#### ***Closing Hymn 711\*\* - For All the Saints***

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ***Benediction***

### ***Postlude***



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given**  
in loving memory of Jim, Carol and Ken Kimble, by Jim and Pam Kimble.

**This morning's music was *Requiem* by John Rutter**

**Service Music:** Chancel Choir; Epworth Choir;

**Music:** One License A-731491

## NEXT STEPS

### *Love Never Ends*

We live in a profoundly temporary world

vs. *13* – yet some things are stronger than death; faith, hope, and love

Questions for Reflection: Who are the saints who invested Faith, Hope, and Love into your life? Who gave of themselves for you or showed you stable, optimistic confidence in the face of uncertainty or difficulty? Take some time this week to give thanks to God for them.

Question for Discussion: When have you seen faith, hope, or love that was stronger than death?

Memory Verse: *1 Corinthians 13:13* – “And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

Readings for this Week: Nehemiah 2:11-20, 1 John 4:7-19

## CHURCH NOTES

**2024 Altar Flowers:** We are taking orders for altar flowers in 2024. The **new cost is \$40** and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at Ext. 210 or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

**Family Promise:** Several of our bins are very low again! We have plenty of peanut butter and jelly for the next several months, but are nearly out of ramen noodles ( no cups) and Velveeta shells and cheese (no cups.) All donations go in the bin labeled for FP which is by the library.

**Christmas For Good Neighbors:** Good Neighbors has started their holiday drive in order to provide gift bags for the children they serve. Items they are requesting are winter-themed reading books, coloring books, sticker books, and puzzles. They would like to have any such donations by early November.

**We Are Collecting For: Blessing Box:** We're running low and could use canned or boxed goods, ramen noodles, personal hygiene items etc. **For Children's Christmas Items:** play dough, markers, and coloring books.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** The florist has given us an early deadline, so now is the time to order the poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Friday, November 3.

Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In memory or honor of (circle one)

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Forrest Waller

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**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

Scott Adie	Don Corbett
Bob Ahonen	John & Hilda Gullion
Debbie Amundsen	Lee Minier
Behrman family	Jack Nitzsche
Jim Bailey	Kathi Sawyer
Bill & Janet Blank	Lynda Schmidt
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Martha Shoults
Larry Brimlow	Ken Tunstall

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Linda Balmaseda and family on the death of her husband, Cesar on 10/15.

Family of Mary Beth Milford on her death on 10/18