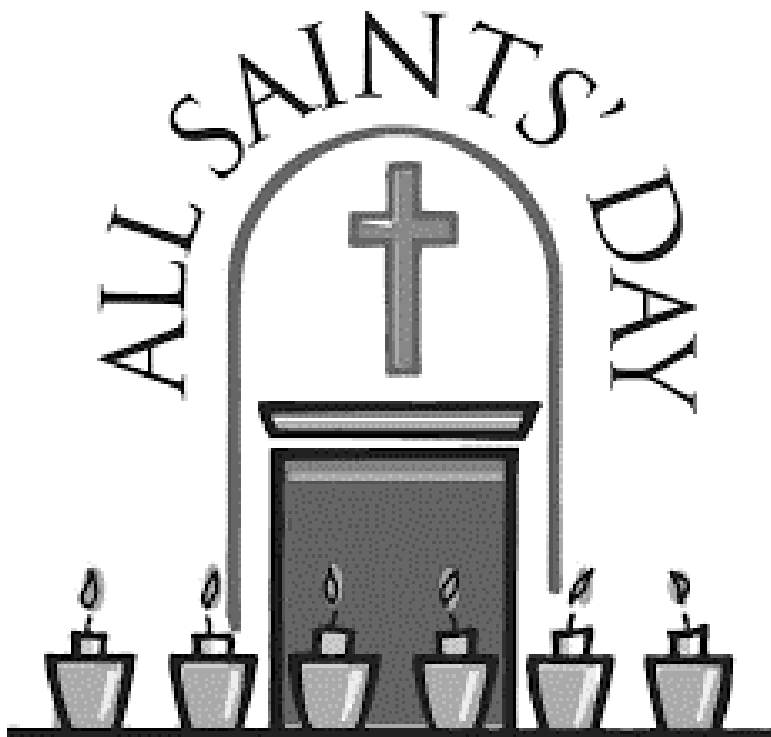


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“A Community Church with A Global Vision”



Looking to the Life Beyond

1 Corinthians 15:20^{GNT}

John 8:51; 11:25^{GNT}

November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:55am

Broadcast Live on 105.1 FM KBLP

A Service of the Word & Table ~ All Saints Day

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WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

PRELUDE

Alexia Herrin

GREETING

Ed Bevers

God is good! . . . **all the time!** . . . All the time . . . **God is good!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Bevers

*INTROIT

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Invoke the God of the gospel by name.

**People: Our Creator and Redeemer will grant us new life through
the power of the Spirit.**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jacki Banks

We praise you with joy, loving God, for your grace is better than life itself.
You have sustained us through the darkness, and you bless us with life in
this new day. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy and bless your
holy name. **Amen.**

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

A CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

Frances Bunch

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE ALL SAINTS' DAY

Lay Leader: Gracious Father, as we remember and celebrate the lives of these whom we have lost and caused us to be sad, let us remember how wonderful you were in their life.

All: Thanks be to God

Lay Leader: Gracious Father, we praise your name for the service of these saints, and the legacy of faith that they have left us.

All: Thanks be to God

Lay Leader: Let us remember the ones who nurtured us with loving care.

All: Thanks be to God

Lay Leader: Let us remember the ones who filled our lives with joy.

All: Thanks be to God

Lay Leader: Let us remember the ones who shared stories of God's love.

All: We thank you God, for the memory of those whose lives have blessed us as we remember them today.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Johnny Waters (2019)

Claudean Harrison

Juanda Howell

Mike Stevens

WE ARE SET APART IN TRUTH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *This is Where Children Belong*

FWS 2233

This is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

MESSAGE

Kim Cleary

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:20^{GNT}

²⁰ But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.

John 8:51; 11:25^{GNT}

⁵¹ I am telling you the truth: whoever obeys my teaching will never die.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die;

May God add a blessing to the
hearing, understanding, and doing of this Holy Word.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

This Is My Body, This is My Blood

Choir

THE MESSAGE

Looking to the Life Beyond

Rev. Jacki Banks

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

MEDITATION

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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 a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more

and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
the One for whom your people have waited,
the fulfillment of your promise.
He raised Lazarus from the tomb
and showed us the way to eternal life.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
He took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over,
he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
Especially those we have named before you
And those we named in our hearts

~Silence~

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is
set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory

and we feast at the heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And now with the confidence of children of God,
we are bold to pray:

**All: 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.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

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

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, in unison**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Send us forth confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give
ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

SENT FORTH TO HOLY LIVING

***BLESSING**

Rev. Jacki Banks

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, and the fire of the Spirit kindle us; and may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

***GOING FORTH**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

POSTLUDE

Alexia Herrin

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE PEW

LOOKING TO THE LIFE BEYOND

1 Corinthians 15:20; John 8:51; 11:25

Our ideas about death affect the quality of our present lives. If we are able to develop a well-founded and understandable view of life beyond the grave, we are empowered to live meaningfully and abundantly in the present. Central to Jesus' message is the promise that we can begin to live an eternal life today; we can partially experience the fullness of the kingdom of heaven in the here and now.

DAY ONE: Consider your thoughts and feelings of death and the afterlife.

By honestly working through questions like these our ideas about death come to the surface where we can critically evaluate them in the light of the gospel.

- How do you feel about your own dying?
- What are your dominant thoughts at a funeral?
- What do you believe happens to your life at the point of death?
- What images come to mind when you think of the afterlife?
- How do you understand the relationship between this life and life beyond the grave?

DAY TWO: Read Matthew 4:17; 1 Corinthians 15:20; John 8:51; 11:25; Ecclesiastes 12:17.

Revisit your thoughts and feelings about death and the afterlife. This time, read these New Testament convictions to interact with your own. Ask yourself these questions:

- What is my gut-level response to these convictions?
- In what ways do they confirm or challenge my own beliefs about life and beyond the grave?
- Is there any specific personal belief that needs reshaping in the light of New Testament teaching?
- What difference would it make to my daily living were I to make these biblical beliefs my own?

Giving time to questions like these, and writing out your personal response, signifies your commitment to develop the mind of Christ regarding our future in God's kingdom.

DAY THREE: Centering Prayer. Psalm 46:10

The practice of centering prayer helps us to be still in the Divine Presence. Begin by choosing a simple word or phrase, expressive of your love-longing for God that you can repeat to yourself. Examples are: Abba, Jesus, Savior, Maranatha (which means *come, our Lord*), the Jesus prayer: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner"* (based on Luke 18:13). Repeating our love word or phrase for fifteen minutes or

so, and gently returning to it when our attention wanders, anchors us in that quiet place where we can attach ourselves more deeply to God. Some prefer to gaze at a picture or a symbol—a lighted candle, a crucifix, a single flower, an ancient icon—while they focus their minds and hearts on God. This is a practice that can be incorporated into your Spiritual life whenever you need to still your mind or body, when you just need to be quiet.

DAY FOUR: The Present Moment – Ephesians 4:6

There are three basic habits required to live fully in the eternal now...to give one's self totally to the present moment. **First**, we have to train ourselves to take one thing at a time (even amid the constant onslaught of life's pressures and demands). **Second**, we must develop the skill of focusing on our immediate task, however trivial or mundane it may seem. This does not mean that we never plan for the future or reflect on the past; rather it means entering with complete abandonment into the present. **Third**, persevere with the first two steps by constantly rooting our minds and hearts in the conviction that God's grace and power are always available to us in the present moment.

DAY FIVE: Opening ourselves to heaven-let go and let God. John 12:24; Luke 1:38.

The opportunity to practice relinquishment comes around at the end and beginning of each day. Every night, just before falling asleep, lay down all that has happened during the day. Picture yourself giving Jesus all the day's mistakes, stupidities, tensions, pressures, demands, and hurts. As you close your eyes trust the Spirit of God who hovers over you to do within you whatever your soul needs. The following morning becomes a resurrection moment as you, in union with Christ, arise to tackle the responsibilities and tasks that face you. Developing this daily habit will enable you, when it comes to the more painful and difficult dying moments, to "let go and let God" with greater confidence and faith.

DAY SIX: Personal Experience. Get your journal out and start writing.

In your journal, or with a friend, talk about your personal experience of any one of the three ways in which we can open ourselves to heaven (from Days Three, Four, and Five). Contemplate these questions:

- What aspect of heaven-life means the most to you?
- How do you think you can best prepare for heaven?

Keep Them in Your Prayers

The Mike Stevens Family
Our Church; Our Community,
Our Troops, Our Government

Shut ins: Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges: Sarah Burke, Quala Chisom,
Rachel Franklin, Tom Herrin (*healing, hip surgery*), Jacob
Loman, Frankie Minton, Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Diane
Powell, Nancy Rogers, Katilyn Spencer, Rick Webb

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Mariah Harrison; Arnita Pignitaro
6th Talana Keeler; Lance Webb
7th Kim Cleary; Jacob Loman; Kamdyn Urban
13th Tom Wisdom
15th Sean Jackson; Amy Richardson
17th Pam Urban
19th Gabriel Break; Nancy Rogers

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10th Glen & Shirley Kemerling

The Special Offering for Annual Conference
this year will be for the **Disaster Relief Fund**. The
Northeastern part of our state has had heavy
flooding and we are still repairing homes and
cleaning debris. Please add your change to the
Offering box as you enter. (We invite your dollars,
too!)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 1st

Worship 10:55am

Tuesday, November 3rd

Prayer Group 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 4th

UMYF 5:30pm

Choir 5:30pm

Sunday, November 8th

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

Holy Communion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, November 10th

UMW 9:30am

Thursday, November 12th

Bloodmobile 11am-6pm

Thursday, November 19th

Chili Corral Cook Day

Friday, November 20th

Chili Corral 10:30am-1:30pm

Fri./Sat. November 20-21

Annual Conf. 1:00pm (Virtual)

Sunday, November 22

Nativity Set Up 2:00pm

UMYF Thanksgiving

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