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November 2, 2025

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

**Music to Gather: “Fugue in G minor” J.
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Welcome

***Call to Worship by Dan Schifeling**

One: Sisters and brothers and siblings, let us rejoice in the vision of John:

All: I saw a new heaven and a new earth!

One: The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

All: Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.

One: A great voice thundered from heaven: "See, God is making God's home with mortals! God will live with them. They will be God's people.

All: God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

Hymn #295..... “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we come into the holy presence of the Lord to profess the places where we are still learning and growing as we remember the incredible saints who taught us about Christ.

All: Fairest Lord Jesus, today as we gather with the Saints in every time and every place, we praise your name! Today we remember and honor the ones who taught us about your love. Today we acknowledge the pain that we feel as we mourn, because our loved ones are not with us in the same way that they used to be. Thank you, Jesus, for walking beside us in seasons of grief. Thank you, Jesus, that through you we

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

295

Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
faith-ful their whole lives through,
who brave-ly la-bored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was doc-tor, and one was a queen,
and an-oth-er a shep-herd in pas-tures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one, too.
2. They loved their God and they lived that love.
It was lov-ing that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Je-sus' sake,
lived just-ly their whole lives long.
And one was a proph-et, and one was a priest,
and an-oth-er was slain by a fierce wild beast:
there is no earth-ly rea-son, none in the least,
why I should-n't be one, too.
3. They lived not on-ly in a-ges past,
there are hun-dreds of thou-sands still.
The world is filled with liv-ing saints
who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:
for the saints are folk like you and like me,
and I mean to be one, too.

are connected to God and all of the Saints. Help us to carry your love into the world so that all people may see by your light. Amen.

Confession Response Hymn #611, Verse 1

**O Day of God, draw near
In beauty and in power,
Come with your timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved community, you have been blessed with the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ; today as we remember and honor the saints who have touched our lives, we continue to strive to be more like Christ with each passing day.

All: “Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of

others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 2:4-5

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Remembering the Saints

Elwood “Huffy” Hoffert

Emma Beltran

Phylis Welsh

Alan Huff

Robert Canning

Barb Silfies

Lewis Family Members

Scriptures

Barney Cook

Reading 1: Revelation 5:1-14

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Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-2, 10-11

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Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer
for grace)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment

Sermon: "All Saints' Day"

Rev. Becky Sausser

**Hymn #603..... "Giver of Life, Where'er
They Be"**

*(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards"
during this time. Prayer cards are in the
pews.)*

Morning Prayer & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #540 Verse 1

**Grant us diligence in doing,
Patience when your truth pursuing,
Eager to receive renewing,
God of mercy, hear us.**

Giver of Life, Where'er They Be

603

Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1888; alt.

1. Giv-er of life, wher-e'er they be,
safe in your own e-ter-ni-ty,
now live your chil-dren glo-rious-ly.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
2. All souls you call, both here and there,
do rest with-in your shel-tering care;
one prov-i-dence a-like they share:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
3. Your word is true, your ways are just;
a-bove the chant-ed "Dust to dust"
shall rise our song of grate-ful trust:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Hap-py are they in God who rest,
no more by fear and doubt op-pressed;
liv-ing or dy-ing they are blessed:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Chancel Choir “Blest are They Whose
Spirits Long

G. F. Handel/Hal H. Hopson

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A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Almighty.

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

Pastor: Eternal God, you created the
heavens and earth, giving breath to every
living thing. We thank you for the gift of

creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though You have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding praise of men, women, and persons of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints and with all the company of heaven, we glorify you singing...

People (Singing the Sanctus Hymn #795)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of
Sabaoth;**

**Heaven and earth are full, are full, of
the majesty of Thy Glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord.**

**Hosannah, hosanna, hosanna in the
highest.**

Pastor: We remember that on the night He was betrayed and deserted, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup after supper, and gave thanks for it, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People: By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and we await Christ's coming again.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, we ask you to meet us where we are today in your mercy; we ask you to bless this bread and this cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, your church, your servant people, that we may be salt, light, and leaven in this world that you so deeply love.

Receiving the Elements

Pastor: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life that Christ gives. The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

(At this time our ushers will bring the bread representing the body of Christ into the congregation. If you prefer to receive individually wrapped elements, there will be wrapped communion cups on this tray that have both the bread and juice.)

Pastor: The body of Christ. (At this time, partake of the bread.)

Pastor: The blood of Christ. (At this time partake of the juice.)

Pastor: Let us join together in prayer.

People: As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God's way. We give thanks and praise! Amen!

Mission Moment

Rev. Bill Falla

Offering

Offertory “Morning Has Broken”

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*Doxology 

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;**

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* Hymn #299..... “For All the Saints”

* Commission and Blessing

* **Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

For All the Saints

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William W. How, 1864; alt.

1. For all the saints who from their la-bors rest,
who to the world their stead-fast faith con-fessed,
your name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blessed.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
2. You were their rock, their ref-uge, and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
3. Still may your peo-ple, faith-ful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who no-bly fought of old,
and share with them a glo-rious crown of gold.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Ringed by this cloud of wit-ness-es di-vine,
we fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine;
yet in your love our faith-ful lives en-twine.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song,
then hearts are brave a-gain, and faith grows strong.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Heb. 12:1

Music to Go Forth

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God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist
April Riddick.....Custodian
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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