

**All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

—based on Hebrews 12:1, NRSV

 **Invocation**

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God of all ages:
we thank you for the faithful witness
of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs
throughout the history of your church
and throughout the world even today.
Through their witness we see and hear your truth.
We bless you for all who bless your name
through their writing, speaking, art, and music.
Through their work we glimpse your beauty.
We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor,
offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful.
Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort.
Now we pray that you will use even us
to reflect the glory we see in Christ.
May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ,
swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts,
through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

 **Opening Song**

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

*Verse 1
Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You.*

Pre-Chorus

*'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.*

Chorus

*Hosanna, Hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Verse 2

*Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;
You make us new.*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

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Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name.
Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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You are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God.

—Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

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.
A-men, A-men.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your
pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you,
giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-
smelling sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1-2, NJB

Stewardship Moment

Offering

Offertory

*Amazing Grace
Bill Mecaughey, Dan Baker*

🕯️ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

🕯️ Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)

Almighty God, you have given us everything.
Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us.
You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going.
Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks.
Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory.
May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

🕯️ Preparation Hymn 382 *Be Thou My Vision*

Proclaiming ***God speaks to us through His Word***

Scripture Reading *Philippians 3:1-11*

3 In addition, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write to you again about this is no trouble for me and is a safeguard for you.

² Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers, watch out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, the ones who worship by the Spirit of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put confidence in the flesh— ⁴ although I have reasons for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day; of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; regarding the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ regarding zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷ But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through

faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

Sermon *“The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ”*
 Rev. Tim Latham

 **Hymn of Response 185** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
 proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
 again!**

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Profession of Faith** *(In Unison)*

**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, died, and buried;
He descended into hell;
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.**

Prayers of the People *(Responsively)*

Remembering those who have gone ahead . . .

*David Tress, Howard Terry, Pat Pomager, Joann Fleck,
Bob Mendenhall, Bud Locilento, Edwin Zajac, Sandra Fontocchia,
Emma Jean Acker, Billie Mountjoy, June Wescott, Allyson Meyler,
George Knotts, Nan Olsen, Gene Lewis, Dorothy Boggs,
Wayne Boggs, George A. Fieo, Idis G. Judy, James Norris Judy,
Nevin E. Wagaman, Kathryn Louise Rumpf, Gregory F. Fieo,
Eric Fieo*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants,
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.

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 teachers and colleagues and friends,
for parents and grandparents, husbands and wives,
brothers and sisters,
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,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Commission Song

Abide with Me

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me*

Verse 2

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me*

Verse 3

*I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

Verse 4

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me*

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

Tim, do you want to make any changes to this announcement?

A Celebration of the Resurrection for Joann Fleck will be held on Sunday, November 10th at 2:00 p.m. here at Fairview EPC. Followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the graveside portion of the service.