



# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

“The Best Is Yet to Come”

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS  
PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by Hebrews 11-12)

*Liturgist: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.*

**Congregation: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.**

*Liturgist: 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.*

**Congregation: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

\*PRAISE SONGS

*What a Mighty God We Serve  
How Majestic Is Your Name*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

**Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

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NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11:8-16 (NKJV)

Liturgist

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude -- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. <sup>15</sup> And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Father, we thank You for loving and working through the lives of all the Christians who died before us. We pray that You'll help us to be like them so that one day, we can die and go to Heaven to be with You and all the other Christians who have gone before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*For All the Saints (v. 1,4,6)*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

*\*Please stand as you are able*

SERMON

Pastor

**Title:** The Best is Yet to Come

**Theme:** All Saints Sunday

**Main Idea:** We can take courage, hope, and comfort from the saints of the past and look at their example of forward-looking faith.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

*Face to Face*

Sheila Novak

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

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HOLY COMMUNION AND CELEBRATION OF OUR SAINTS

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

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

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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:*

**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.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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 any 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.*

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

*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, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

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

The congregation will have time to proclaim their personal saint(s) out loud. After proclamations, a bell will toll three times for those saints who have passed beyond the veil.

*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 his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father (God), now and forever.*

**Amen.**

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (v.1-6)      UMH #154

\*COMMISION / BENEDICTION      Pastor

(Based on Hebrews 12: 1)

*Go on your way rejoicing; Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall, In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.*

*The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more...and all of God's children said...Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      *Love and Fellowship*      See screen

POSTLUDE