

Worship Guide

November 7, 2021: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



WE GATHER (Greeting and Introduction)

OPENING HYMN: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* #712UMH

*1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.*

*2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.*

*3 They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED (Scripture for All Saints Sunday)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 7:2-4; 9-17

L: The word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE:

Pastor Jen

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace .*

PASTORAL PRAYER

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE: *For All The Saints #711UMH (VV. 1,2,4,5,6)*

(You are invited at this time to come forward and if you have not already done so, place a photo of your loved one on the table at the front of the sanctuary and “light” a votive and place in front of their picture. If you do not have a photo, you may come forward, light a candle and say the name of your loved one out loud.)

*1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*4 Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*5. 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!*

*6. 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!*

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SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

INVITATION: Jesus was always the guest...But here, at this table, Jesus is the host....
As beloved community, let us confess our offences before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new.

Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life.

Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory.

Forgive our unbelief, O God.

Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.

The Holy One shows us a vision

of a new heaven and a new earth,

where everyone will live in peace and blessing.

Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears,

in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

L: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Liturgy provided by the Iona Community)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD!

.....And so, with your saints now on earth

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name

and join their unending hymn, saying:

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!

We praise you

for Christ's life, which informs our living,

for his compassion, which changes our hearts,

for his clear speaking,

for his disturbing presence,

his innocent suffering,

his courageous dying,

his rising to life, breathing forgiveness,

We praise you and worship him as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!

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.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: *I'll Fly Away* #2282 TFWS

*1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

Chorus

*I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

*2. When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

Chorus

*3. Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

The pathway is open before you this day.

It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings.

Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet.

Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The New HEARTS AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP

Co-Managers: James Barto and Ila Libby

Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 PM

*****Call James @ 207-858-0257 to arrange drop off donations or for more information**

The Thrift Shop will be holding an indoor Christmas sale in the fellowship hall each Saturday, from 9 AM– 12 Noon until Christmas.

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

The Donation Bin will be open to receive donations Wed. November 10th-.Wed. November 17

THE CUP CAFÉ

Our CUP Café is open on Wednesdays 9AM—12 NOON.

Each week we offer a light lunch, lemonade, coffee and snacks. We also have FREE Wi-fi.

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Our free Drive Thru Community meals are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meal will be on November 9th, Mini Italians are on the menu. Call 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals. Pick up time is between 5pm and 6 pm that evening.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know have need for a wheelchair, walker, crutches, canes, etc.? If so, we have many of these items available through our medical lending program. This is offered by appointment. Call 207-474-3915 and leave your name, phone number, and the item that you need. Someone will contact you. This is an outreach through the partnership of Common Unity Place and Centenary United Methodist Church.

SKOWHEGAN AREA YOUTH GROUP

Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm at Centenary UMC on the Dr. Mann Rd. Snacks and activities provided. For more information, please call Sharon Newell or Kevin Tansey at 207-708-0767 or 207-877-5987.

*If you have unwanted or broken Christmas decorations, please bring them in and drop them off in the Sunday School Room. We will use them for craft projects to sell.