

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021

PRELUDE “Abide with Me” -arr. R. Hobby

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*) (*From Emanuel UCC Worship, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019*)

One: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

All: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

One: For those who work in our church that we many come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

All: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

One: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

All: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. Amen.

• OPENING HYMN #635 “Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers” (*We encourage masking while singing*)

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

God of All People, open us that we might hear again your truth spoken through the words and the actions of your saints. We gather surrounded by a mighty cloud of witnesses, who have shared – and continue to share -- the Good News of your love. Forgive us when we have forgotten to walk in the Way of your Son, as they taught us. Forgive us when we have not loved as we have been loved. Help us again to hear your voice in the voices of the faithful and guide us in love that we might stand with the saints and walk with Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• RESPONSE #637 “For All the Saints” (*Sung by all*) (*Verse 1*)

(*We encourage masking while singing*)

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee, by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

• PASSING OF THE PEACE

(*As we greet those around us with the sign of peace, please be respectful of each other’s comfort level.*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Holy Ground”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 146** (*page 581*)

Second Reading: **Mark 12:38-44** (*page 49*)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place” -G. Young

MEDITATION “I Believe in the Communion of Saints” *Rev. Tim Perkins*

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (*See insert*)

ORDER FOR REMEMBRANCE

Dorothy Ander

Rev. Dan Schowalter

Lou Hess

Eddie Fitzpatrick Carver

Vernetta Wandel

John Zimmerman

Charles Edlebeck

Psalm 23

Showing Picture/Reading of Names/Lighting of Candle/Chime

Singing Response 569 “Jesus, Remember Me”(3 Times)

(*We encourage masking while singing.*)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(*Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through GIVE+ on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.*)

SILENT PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*) (*We encourage masking while singing.*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(This morning you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine at the communion table (wine is red, grape juice is white). We invite you to take the elements back to your pew to be taken there. A Lay Leader will come to the pew of those who are not able to come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In unison)* *(United Church of Christ Book of Worship)*

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

• CLOSING HYMN #633 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" *(We encourage masking while singing)*

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hope Eternal" -E. Broughton

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits 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 one holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.