All Saints Sunday

Saved by Faith

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:
In Luke’s gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, “Blessed are….” There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people. Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!

Written by Sidney D. Fowler in The Blessed Ones: A Celebration for All Saints Day, on the website of the United Church of Christ.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

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Chancel Choir

Passing of the Peace

Scripture

Luke 6:20-26

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Pastor Dawn

Invitation to Offering

Thanksgiving Litany for the Blessed Ones:

Jesus said: “Blessed are you who are poor for yours is the dominion of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Human One.” Jesus named the blessed ones. On this day of remembrance, let us recall and give thanks for those blessed ones who have gone before us:

Bruce Wilson 11/28/2019
Ceil Kwarta 3/31/2020
Courtney Zimmer 4/25/2020
Jeanne Reilly 4/3/2020
Joyce Schmitt 9/20/2020
Lee E. Stewart 12/5/19
Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

Special Music

Hymn of Promise

Duet: Anita Stonebraker and Robin Gordon

arr. Lloyd Larson

Communion

Prayer of Confession:

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people—courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memoires are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ’s justice and compassion in our own time.

(Silent confessions)

Words of Assurance

Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

Come to the Water

Marsha Stevens

Chancel Choir

Benediction

Postlude