Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Mark Hanak
by Gustav Merkle

WELCOME

GREETING

Today, we observe All Saints Day, a day to remember the saints of God throughout time and history and even now, and a day to think about how our witness makes a difference in the world. May God comfort us in our grief even as God challenges us to go forth into the world to comfort others with God's story of saving, healing love!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.
Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.
Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #711 *"For All the Saints,"* v. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Leader: Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering, and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day, Living witness to the good news of God's grace. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people, saints and instruments of God's way.
People: Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-19
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 12:1-2
A word of God that is still speaking.
Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

We offer children's church for the rest of the service following this time. Children are always welcome in worship, no matter how fidgety or noisy, but we also offer children's church for them to learn more about these stories with one another through play and creativity.

MEDITATION "A Prayer for the Saints" Pastor John

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "*In Memory*" Rev. Kathy Kohl
by Jeanne Cotter

DOXOLOGY #94 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(in unison)*

Living God, we give You thanks that we are not alone. You are ever-present, and we live this life surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Give us the faith to commit our time and talents to serving You within the church and to those who are looking to belong in the family of God. Energize us to live with all that we are and to live the faith we confess with our mouths. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION AND REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

(After you come forward to receive communion, you are invited to light candles in memory loved ones passed.)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION #378 *"Amazing Grace"*

*CLOSING HYMN #2281 *(see insert)* *"May You Run and Not Be Weary"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Mark Hanak
by Johann Walther

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgy from UMC Discipleship, https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/always-give-thanks/week-3-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-3-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-always-give-thanks-liturgical-resources and https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/because-god/twelfth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/twelfth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-small-groups

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