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10am Worship Service ❖ November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"God does what is still more wonderful: God makes saints out of sinners.
- Soren Kierkegaard"

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "This Little Light of Mine" - *arr. Goldston Jane Harrison, piano*

Call to Worship *(by Carolyn Brown)*

One: Blessed are the saints who trust God's power and loving care,
All: for they are part of the kingdom of heaven.
One: Blessed are the saints when they are sad because the world is so unfair,
All: They have God's promise that justice will come.
One: Blessed are the nobodies who know they are nobodies and still do God's work.
All: In God's world they are the leaders.
One: Blessed are the saints whose greatest wish is to do what God desires.
All: God will give them what they want.
One: Blessed are the saints who treat other people gently,
All: God will treat them gently.
One: Blessed are the saints who get in trouble when they do what God requires,
All: For they are surely among God's saints.

***Hymn No. #326** "For All The Saints"

Prayer of Confession

People: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
Leaders: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
People: You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
Leaders: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
People: You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
Leaders: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
People: You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to

follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you have promised in Jesus Christ.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn No. 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also, with you.

Special Music: "I'm Going on a Journey" - *arr. Highben*
Sunshine Singers with Sarah Carson, clarinet

Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2 **NT** pg. 226 **LP** pg. 275

Celebrating the Saints of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Almighty God, we give you thanks
for your servants whom we remember today.
Thank you for these holy examples who followed in your footsteps.
Spark our desire to follow them in following you.
Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has seen,
nor ear heard, which you have prepared for those who love you.

All: Give us faith to mourn with hope,
holding both our grief and joy in our hands.
Remind us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**And give us the determination to run the race that is set before us,
that at the last we may be counted among the saints,
joined to the body of Christ,
through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn No. 506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Moment For Mission: Stewardship

Offertory "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - *arr. Organ*
Sarah Carson, clarinet

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Generous God, we are so blessed by all that you have given us. Please bless the gifts of our hands that we offer you here. Let our gifts and our whole lives give glory to you. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.
Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy…
… who forever sing to the glory of your name:
All: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

The Prayers of the People
Doug Hoffman, Erin Fitzpatrick, Bev Currier, John Wallace III, David, Mike, Bryan, Pat & Doug Richardson and Family, Joy Fisher, Chase, Charles Schmidheiser, Pat Conley,

Marshall & Jackie Kummer, The Family of Jim Fitzpatrick, Ruth Frampton and R.G., Gabriella, Marilyn Rabbai, Chad Howey

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 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Communion

Blessing and Sending

One: Holy God, thank you for feeding us with bread and juice to remind us of your power and love.

All: Send us out to share the Good News with the whole world.

One: Send this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord with those who cannot be here.

All: One bread, one body, one Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. #730** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

***Benediction**

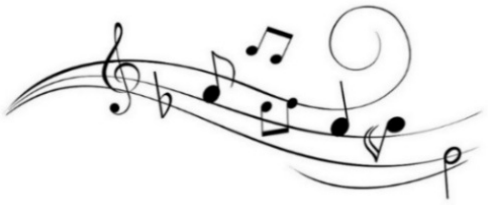
***Benediction Choral Response** "The Lone, Wild Bird"

"The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too."

Postlude "For All the Saints" - *arr. Callahan*

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please Note: The service is livestreamed, and attendees may be recorded.



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Margaret Goldston's 1999 arrangement of "This Little Light of Mine," an American gospel song dating from the 1920s and attributed to evangelist Harry Dixon Loes. The offertory is a playful setting for clarinet and piano, penned in 1999 by Anne Krentz Organ. She based it on the hymn tune "Houston," originally written by Kathleen Thomerson in 1966. The anthem is Zebulon Highben's 2009 arrangement of the tune "Wet Saints" originally written in 1994 by Edward Bonnemere, inspired by a poem by Kenneth D. Larkin. The postlude is Charles Callahan's 1995 voluntary based on the hymn tune "Sine Nomine" ("No Name" in Latin), originally written and (un)named by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1906. We thank Jane Harrison, the Sunshine Singers, Sandy Lovelace, and Sarah Carson for sharing special music with us this morning.



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick & Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Darlene Powell
Acolyte	Emory Wichart



November 3 Jillian Lai

November 5 Barbara Vignola

November 7 Benzakary Sanker, Jack Staman, and Jennifer Gaffney

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Nov. Week of November 1, 2026

1	Deacon's Meeting 8:30am, SS 11:15am, YG Pizza Making 11am, Earth Care 11:30am
2	Session Meeting 7pm
5	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir 8pm

Nov. Upcoming Events

8	Youth Group Ornament Making 11am, Veteran's Coffee Hour 11am
13	Theology on Tap 7pm
15	Young Adult Brunch 11:30 Lucia's Pitman Friendsgiving 6pm *(bring a side dish or dessert)*
17	Third Meal 5:30pm
18	Youth Group Friendsgiving 5:30pm
22	Youth Group Photo Activity 11am

Monthly Announcements

Community Third Meal

Our Third Meal Community Dinner is on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the social hall. We are also looking for volunteers to set-up, greet, serve and clean up. Please contact Darlene at dbjacobson.author@gmail.com

326 For All the Saints



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

Harmony, stanza 3



506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!



This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 2000
MUSIC: Michael Corzine, 2000
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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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