Order of Worship

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day November 1, 2026

Gathering and announcements *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Minute for Mission Dick Wood

Chime Choir *In Christ Alone* – arr. Sandra Eithun

***Call to worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
In life and in death
We belong to God.
Baptized into Christ's death
We live unto Him.
Come, let us Worship God!

Hymn 432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

***Call to confession**

The work of the church in being the people of God is not solitary work. We are here to support one another, to love one another, and to lead one another to Christ, again and again. In our work as the people of God, we will sometimes come up short. But God stands more ready to forgive than we are to ask.

Let us now confess our sin together, and then in silence, as we make more candid our confessions before our God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us.

***Prayer of confession**

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.
You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.
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 promised in Jesus Christ.

(Silence is kept)

***Assurance of pardon** (Romans 14: 7 – 9; 6: 2 - 4)

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Let us give thanks unto the Lord;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Choral Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* – arr. Fred Bock

Prayer for illumination

Holy God, in the world of rapidly shifting narratives, speak your eternal Word that never fails. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word that you would give us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture readings 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Sermon *Legacy of a Saint* Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

***Affirmation of faith** (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Call for the offering

Among the competing narratives that seek to claim our lives is the belief that we must compete for scarce resources. But our God is not a god of scarcity. Our God is a god of abundance who has provided for the needs of God's people. Trusting in the generosity of God, let us return our tithes and offerings to the one who has provided them in the first place.

Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Doxology # 606** ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of dedication**

Gracious God, from your bountiful hand, we have received grace upon grace. From the abundance of your world, we return this portion to you asking that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, and use them. May we be blessed as we see your kingdom at work among us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Naming of the Saints

Hymn # 730** ***I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
Folks will come from east and west,
and from north and south.
All the citizens of God's Rule in Christ
Will feast forever in glory.

This is the Lord's table,
His dinner party spread across time.
And all who are baptized in him
Are invited to this foretaste of the Age to come.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise
to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Miriam and Moses,
Joshua, Deborah, Ruth,
David, priests, and prophets,
Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul,
apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints .
You are the God of our mothers and fathers
and our children to all generations.
You, Everlasting One, made us all.
You fashion us into one people,
and continue to love us
even when we deny our godly heritage.
Still, you call us home to you
through saints dedicated to your will.

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith
of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most gracious God,
for the gift of your child,
our brother, Jesus Christ,
who lived in accord with your will
to the point of laying down his life

for the good news he preached
and passed on to us.
On the night of his arrest,
he taught us how to serve one another
in love with a ritual of table fellowship
enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves with thanksgiving
as a living sacrifice.
In union with Christ's offering for us,
we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Spirit of the living God,
make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us
so we might be in communion with you and one another.
As we break bread together,
may our eyes be opened to see your glory.
As we lift the cup of salvation,
may we be strengthened to follow your Way.

Until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast together with all the saints
at God's great family reunion,
keep your church one in service to the world here and now,
even as we pray for the world you so love:
Speak your peace in the world
where wars rage and violence triumphs.

We lift before you our prayer for the health
of all nations, that all people may flourish,
for the upcoming elections in our country,
for all people in positions of power over others' lives.

May your will be done. May your Kingdom come.
We pray for those who grieve . . .
for those who are sick . . .
for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection . . .
Send forth comfort as only you can give.
Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others,
and remember our making.

Work with who we are, where we are,
to form these clay pots
into vessels of living praise,
that our lives may participate
in the same unending song of the universe
raised by all the saints,
Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,
"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!"

Hymn # 326 *For All the Saints

Charge and benediction

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine with delight In looking upon you with favor and may you rest forever in God's peace. **Amen.**

Postlude *For All the Saints*

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ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE
November 1, 2026

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James and Leona Livingston	Parents of Robert Livingston
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Tom Atwood	Husband of Kay Atwood
Donna Atwood Thomas	Sister of Tom Atwood
Terry Coyne	Father of Christie Hood
Robert “Bob” Kintner	Brother of Mark Kintner
Larry Keeney	Brother of Judy Kintner
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Evangelina Owens	Sister of La Verne Morris
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