



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, this is our God, for whom we have waited.

Who will come to the hill of the Holy One and seek the face of God?

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ed

Introit "Come, Let Us Dream"
by John Middleton Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Kay Jones

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God.

***Opening Prayer**

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and end of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more.

You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God.

Teach us to live like the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing

your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "For All the Saints" (v1,2&6) **#711**

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Kay Jones

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new.

Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promise of eternal life.

Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we could not believe we would see your glory.

Forgive our unbelief, O God.

Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Joy Comes With the Dawn" ***Insert**

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-6a Kay Jones

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them;^[d]

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said,

"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the

spring of the water of life.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** John 11:32-44 Kay Jones

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. **34** He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Jesus began to weep. **36** So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" **37** But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord,

already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus

looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** The dead man

came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Reflecting on God's Message "It's just one line." Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

All Saints Celebration

Offertory Anthem "As We Gather" Chancel choir
by John Middleton

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

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

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

God of abundance,
you offer us rich food and fine wines;
you bless us with all the bounty of your heavenly banquet. May the gifts we offer this day, provide food
and drink to those who go without, that all may come to know the blessings of your table in this world
and in the world to come.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Sending Hymn "Marching to Zion" (v1,2&4) (with spirit) #733

Lord's Prayer

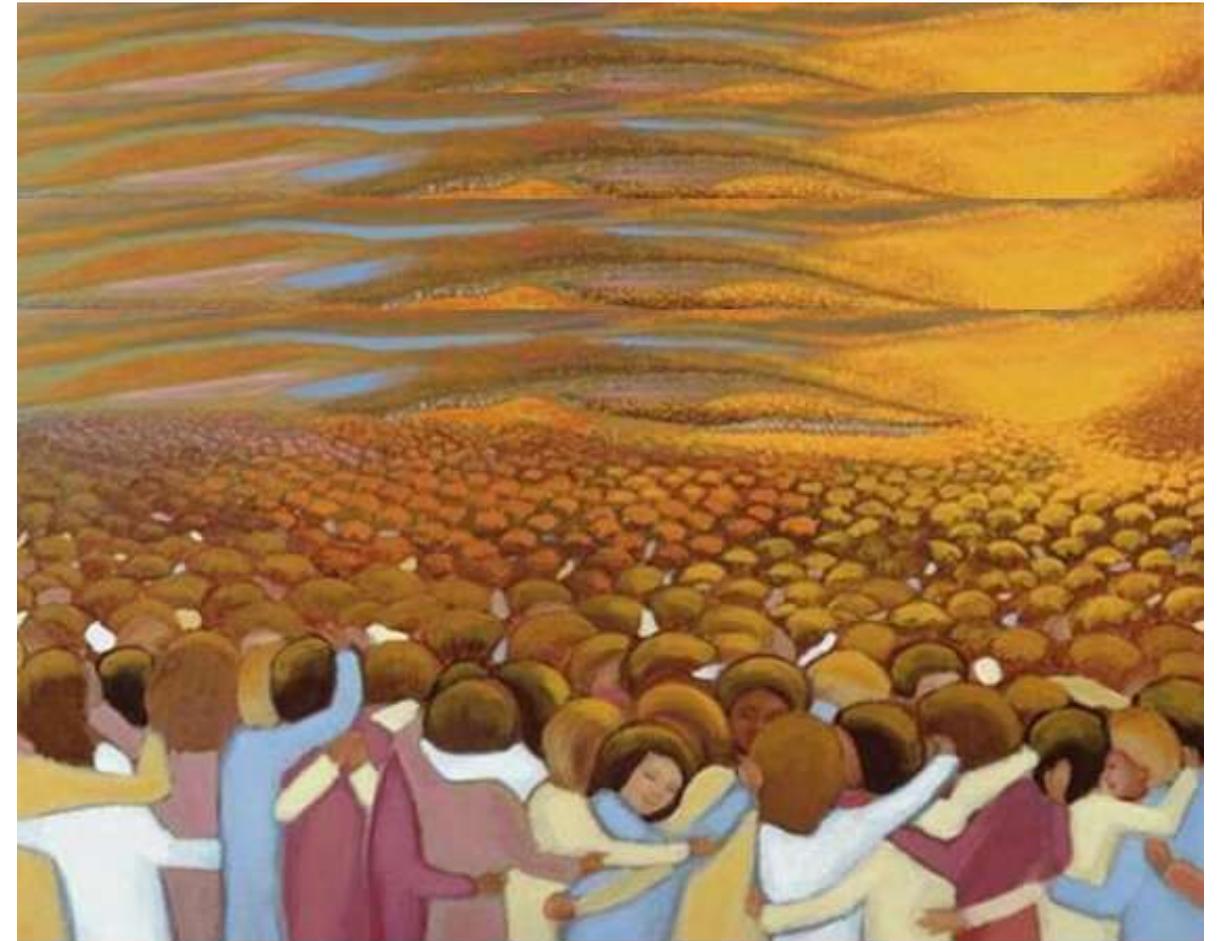
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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*The Communion of Saints- Artist: Ira Thomas

23rd Sunday After Pentecost | 10.31.2021 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*