

† Hebrew Bible Reading “Joel 2:21-27” [NRSV] Heather Morin

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on God’s Message “Gratitude Campaign” Pastor Alex

Invitation to Offering “2 Corinthians 9:10-15” [NRSV] Dave Kullgren

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

† Doxology TFWS #2036 “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son, (2x)
And now let the weak say “I am strong”; let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x) Give thanks! (2x)*

Offering Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

[Communion is a time when we celebrate and share in the presence of the risen Christ around His Table. This is an open Table and all are invited. You need not be a member of this Church or any Church; you need not be baptized. You need only desire a closer encounter with God. John Wesley, the founder of the people called Methodists, believed that it is possible to have a conversion experience during Communion, and so all are welcome at the Lord's Table]

Call to Reconciliation Pastor Alex

Prayers for Forgiveness

[be encouraged to lift up your silent prayers of confession]

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Alex

By God’s grace you are forgiven. *By God’s grace you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation #628 “Eat This Bread” BERTHIER

The Great Thanksgiving *[please refer to insert]* “Chaconne & Sarabande” in G by Handel

GOING FORTH

† Closing Hymn #133 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” SHOWALTER

Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace

Go knowing that you are joined by the communion of the Saints,
strengthened by God’s infinite grace, Christ’s love and the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go in peace to love and serve. Amen

Postlude “Tambourine and Minuet” by Handel Zoe Vandermeer



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Sunday, November 01, 2015 at 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, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

* **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.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude “Suite in B” by Handel Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News
*[Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news,
and do share it with your family and friends.]*

† Opening Hymn #712 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” GRAND ISLE

† Call to Worship Heather Morin

Come to the house of the Lord,
with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness,

*Left: remembering and celebrating the saints of yesterday and of today;
faithful people who set their hopes on Christ
and who with their lives, praised God.*

Right: May we, in this hour, remember who we are,

by remembering the saints who have blessed our lives,
All: *and recommit ourselves to living lives that are pleasing to God.*

Prayer of Invocation “I thank You God for most this amazing day” by E. E. Cummings

Children’s Message Pastor Alex
[Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children proceed to Sunday School.]

Celebration of the Communion of God’s Saints

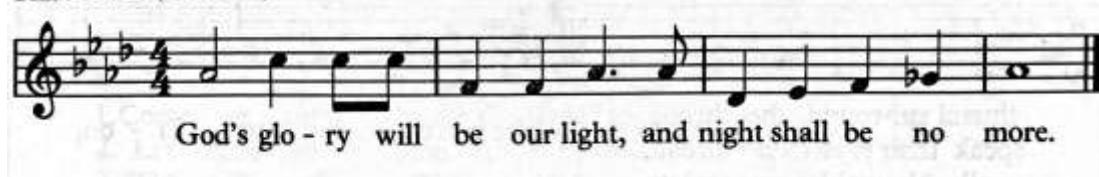
United Methodists do not have any official cycle of Saints Days. But we do have a strong tradition of striving after holiness in heart and life and toward perfection in love in this life. Rejoicing in all saints, as this day invites us to proclaim our understanding of God’s saving work of sanctification, we call people toward holiness of heart and life, pursuing entire sanctification; and we specifically invite them to join accountable discipleship groups, where people watch over one another in love as they strive together toward perfection in love in this life. While today may be an occasion to honor the memory of those who have died during the past year, keep the primary focus on the call to sanctification among the living, here and now.

Remembering

We remember those who have died in the past year.
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

Responsive Reading #734 Canticle of Hope

RESPONSE (General)



We shall see a new heaven and earth,
For the old will pass away.
*We shall see a new Jerusalem,
The holy city descending from heaven.*
The city shall need no sun or moon,
For God’s glory will be its light,
*For God’s Lamb will be its lamp,
And by its light the nations shall walk. R*

[names of our church saints who have graduated in faith this year are read after the sung response]

Walter Davis Dorothy O’Rourke Ben Vivona

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:
*“Behold, God’s dwelling is with mortals.
Indeed, God will dwell with them*

and they will be God’s people.”

God shall wipe away all our tears,
And there shall be no more death.
*Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease,
For all former things will pass away. R*

[you are invited to speak the names of our church saints who passed in previous years]

We shall hear One speak from the throne:
*“Behold, I make all things new.
I am Alpha and Omega,
The beginning and the end.”*

Our lord testifies to these things:
“Behold, I am coming soon.”
The grace of the Lord is with us.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come! R

[you are invited to speak the names of God’s saints who have entered glory]

And we remember all those who have gone before us.

[During the presentation of the anthem you are invited to come forward
and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have entered into glory]

Anthem “O Come Sweet Spirit” Zaninelli

Prayer

*Almighty God,
You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of Your son, our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Grant us grace so to follow Your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,
which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You;
Through Jesus Christ our Teacher and Savior. Amen*

† Hymn of Praise #707 “Hymn of Promise” PROMISE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Heather Morin

*God is in this place, and in our hearts.
We open ourselves to Your nudging oh God.
We feel the breath of Your Spirit,
and Remember God made flesh in Jesus, who taught us a new way.*