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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

Today is Communion Sunday, and All Souls/ Saints Sunday when we remember those who have died -- family members, friends, and church members -- and we celebrate the lives of the faithful generations who have gone before us.

PRELUDE

“For All the Saints”

arr Hayes and Gaspard

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #708

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

by Fred Pratt Green

1. Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone’s cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

3. Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture

Ephesians 2:19-20

Dexter Time (*Laurie and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture*)

Children’s Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Leader: On this day of remembrance for the saints of the church and of our lives, we give thanks for the ways in which we have been shaped by those who have gone before us.

People: We celebrate the lives of those whose work for Christ has been made manifest in

this church:

Leader: The men and women of the Union University Church who taught children now grown, who gave to missions and cared for the ill, and who made their lives fitted to God's service.

People: We pray that we may work with the same diligence and compassion so that one day our names may be remembered as the faithful of this church.

Leader: We celebrate the lives of loved ones who have given so much to us;

People: And whose spirits continue to be with us in our memories and in the living of our days.

Leader: We especially remember and honor today Bill Crandall, Pete Nye, and Woodie Lange who died this past year and light these candles of remembrance for the light they brought to our lives.

[Three candles on the altar are lit]

Leader: We lift the names of all of our loved ones who have died, some recently and some long ago, yet whose faces are still present and precious to our hearts.

[The names of loved ones are read.]

Leader: I invite those at home to light a candle as we light one on the altar to remind us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Our love will burn forever bright.

[We light our candles of remembrance]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC "In the Bulb, There is a Flower" *Luanne Crosby and John Buckwalter*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When Rev. DeMott says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."

SCRIPTURE READING

Excerpts from the Book of Ruth

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Communion Meditation

"Communion Prayer"

by Boellman

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN #711

"For All the Saints"

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

by Bob Kilpatrick

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

People: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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Postlude

Lay Leader: Jen Smith

Organist: Laurel Buckwalter

Pianist: Peter O'Connor

Special Music: Luanne Crosby & John Buckwalter

Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

PUMPKIN TOSS AT 12 NOON TODAY Bring your pumpkins to the lawn next to the Brick dormitory on the Alfred University campus.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, hurricane & wildfire victims, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, families and friends of the Buckwalters, Jusaniecs, and Watsons who are suffering from Covid-19, Alice Heineman & family on the death of her brother Emil Sandstrom, Eliza Ordway (gallbladder surgery).

MISSION OF THE MONTH: ALLEGANY CATTARAUGUS CHAUTAUQUA FUND FOR WOMEN

The UUC Board of Elders has selected the Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women (ACCFFW) as Mission of the Month for November. The fund was established "as a resource that will provide financial assistance and open doors for women who seek continued betterment." Thanks to the generosity of donors, through fundraising and direct donations, 9 grants were awarded in 2019.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE: The Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women will launch our annual holiday plant sale this Sunday, November 1st. The sale will run through November 11th, with plants expected in Alfred on Thursday, December 3rd. Online orders are appreciated (www.accffw.org). An online order link will be posted in the UUC forum Sunday. Alternatively, you may place an order through any ACC FFW member (Tricia Debertolis, Laurie DeMott, Melissa Jusaniec, Jan Porter). New this year is an option to order plants to be donated to a local care facility. Available for \$12 are: red / white / pink poinsettia, cyclamen, Christmas cactus. As always, we appreciate your support!

