

WE GATHER WITH THE SAINTS ABOVE

GATHERING MUSIC *Elegy* Sir George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (Hymn 10, v. 4)

May God forever be our peace. May hymns of glory never cease. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God the Three-in-One.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* OPENING RESPONSES Susan Crane

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The scriptures declare that we are “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.”

They are God’s beloved ones, followers of Jesus, who now rest from their labor.

Let us trust Christ’s promise: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

Those who trust in him, even though they die, will yet live.

In life and in death, in life beyond death, we belong to God.

Therefore, we do not weep as those who are without hope.

* HYMN 326 “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brothers and sisters, God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Gracious God, because we are imperfect and fall short of your glory within us, we humbly bow our hearts, acknowledging our need of your constant grace. Forgive the wrongs we have done, whether in thought, word, or deed. Raise us up in this world, forgiven and set free, with the same power that raised Jesus from the tomb. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 814)

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.163)

* GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:41-44 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.50)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 487, v. 4, 5)

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community.

Empower us to realize God’s kingdom through our children’s eyes.

Then, tender God, each child embrace. God give them blessings, grant them grace.

Surprise them, Lord, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.

SERMON “A Saint ‘Below’ and Then a Saint ‘Above’” Dr. Butler

“Jesus watched the crowd putting money in the treasury box...”

ANTHEM *Goin’ Home* Antonin Dvorák

Iris Maturen, mezzo-soprano

Goin’ home, I’m goin’ home. Lord, I’m goin’ home. No more tears, no more cares, no more grief to bear. Jesus is waiting over there. All the saints in heaven above. All the saints we knew, gone home to Jesus. I am goin’ too.

WE PRAY AND CELEBRATE GOD’S GRACE AT THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Andante con moto* (Sonata V) Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 730** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Herr Gott, Nun Sei Gepreiset* BWV 601 J. S. Bach
The people may depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024
10 a.m.
