

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people. Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

The Worship of God

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

Prelude

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" GBC Handbell Choir

SHOWALTER: arr. Jason W. Krug

Welcome Chrissy Williamson

† All Saints Litany

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit be with you all!

And also with you! All:

One: Lord God, by your grace, we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--All:

One: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs

and saints.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your All:

saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you.

One: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--All:

One: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors

who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we

are-- your precious children in this community of believers.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your All: saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward -

accept our thankful cry.

One: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

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[†] Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol throughout the service.

All: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

One: Members of this congregation,

Fran Black Geraldine Mangum Walter (Skip) Mays Rose Parker Mary Elizabeth Taylor

friends who helped, guided and uplifted us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, sinners of your redeeming.

All: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also

lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

All: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

One: Looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

† Opening Hymn 767

"For All the Saints"

WYE VALLEY:

Words by Caroline M. Noel, Music by James Mountain

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. (refrain)

O May Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. (refrain)

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. (refrain)

During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn, all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

Moment for Stewardship

Emily Tuttle

As our offertory anthem is sung, please feel free to place your offering in the plates on either side of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary, or you can also give online by scanning the QR code on the back of this worship bulletin.

Offertory Anthem

"I Choose Love" GBC Adult Choir

Words by Lindy Thompson, Music by Mark A. Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.
I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.
I choose love.

† Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt.

Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

Prayer of Dedication

Will Moody

Scripture Reading Luke 4:16-21 Ramona Taylor

Silent Reflection

Communion

"Lord of the Dance" GBC Handbell Choir Shaker melody adapt. Sydney Carter, arr. Jason W. Krug

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Invitation Chrissy Williamson

† Hymn of Response

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE;

Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, Scottish Melody, arr. John L. Bell

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

 Celebrating Community
 Christian McIvor

 Benediction
 Chrissy Williamson

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Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy" By John W. Peterson Pam Weis and Alfred B. Smith

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