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November 3, 2024
All Saints' Day/Blessing of the Poppies

Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord, all you saints!

Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!

Let us praise the name of the Lord:

For the name of God is above all names!

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live;

We will sing praises to God now and evermore.

Opening hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God Almighty **VU 315**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
 holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in power, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
 and sky and sea;
 holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer:

God of promise and purpose, in you we live and move and have our being.

You refresh us. You are the Light of the world, and you show us the way. You are the Spirit of life, and you move in us each new day. So we join our voices with the angels and archangels, with the saints and disciples of every time and place, to worship you, Source of our hope and our joy. Praise be to you, God most holy, ever Three and ever One, world without end. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession:

God of goodness and mercy, We have heard your call to put our faith into action, but fear holds us back. We stay silent rather than speak up when things go wrong. There is work to be done in Jesus' name, but we often seek an easier way. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment to serve as your saints in this time and this place, whatever the challenges may be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Know that you are forgiven by God's great mercy, and have the grace to forgive each other, just as you have been forgiven. Amen.

Dedication of Poppies

Scripture: Revelations 21:1-6

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God,
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.”

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.” 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.

Sermon: Saints, the People of God

Ministry of Music: The Kontakion by Rupert G. Lang

Give rest unto your servants with your saints O God.

Give rest, give rest where there is neither pain or sorrow, neither sighing.

But life everlasting.

Lighting Of Candles for The Saints

Hymn: For All the Saints VU 705

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - George Warden celebrates on Nov. 3rd
 - Ron Steurnol celebrates on Nov. 7th

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Offering Hymn MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
 faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
 faith of our mothers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
 faith for today, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

- 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
 Faith born of God, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

Postlude

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: David Gohn, Mary Lloyd

Worship Schedule

November 10	Remembrance Sunday	Rev. Tom Watson
November 17	Children's Sunday	Social Justice Committee
November 24	Reign of Christ Sunday	Rev. Tom Watson
December 1	1 st Sunday of Advent	Rev. Jeff Hawkins