



**Celebrating
180 Years**



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*Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins
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Welcome & Announcement

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed!

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy 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 our everyday lives, we praise you for your guidance and care in every generation, and for the example of those who have gone before us, who taught us your name and brought us to faith. In the great mystery of your love, we know these saints gather to praise and for the comfort and hope we claim in the knowledge that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Song: Zaccheaus

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see;
and as the Saviour passed that way, He looked up in the tree.

Spoken: And He said, "Zacchaeus, you come down!"

Sung: for I'm going to your house today; for I'm going to your house today!

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Today!

Ministry of Music: **In the Bulb There is a Flower** *words and Music by Natalie Sleeth. Arr. Albert Mendoza*

Blessing of the Poppies

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have been faithful to us in every generation. Yet we confess, we are not so faithful to you. We shrink from costly discipleship.

Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments. And guide us always with the love and mercy we witness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth, we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10 *reader Millie Cumming*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Sermon: Out on a Limb

Remembering the Saints (lighting of the candles)

Hymn: VU 705 For All the Saints

- 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!

Joys & Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Ron Steurnol celebrates on Nov. 7th

Prayers of the People

Minute for Mission *reader Jane O'Leary*

Offering Hymn: MV 191

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: Shall We Gather at the River VU 710

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.
- 2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R
- 3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. R

Benediction

Postlude: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *by Wilbur Held*

Welcomers: Lorna Ziegler, Alison Rainford

Counters: Karen Smillie, Chris Hopewell

Worship Schedule

November 9 th	22 nd after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
November 16 th	23 rd after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
November 23 rd	Reign of Christ Sunday	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
November 30 th	1 st of Advent	Rev. Linda Butler

Council Meeting Nov. 5, & Dec. 3. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.