

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Joe Hartung

Prelude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Joyce Nickles, piano

arr. Dick Blosser

*Call to Worship

Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries

Leader: How many voices have sung in this place?

People: How many hymns have rung out in this place?

Leader: How many tears have fallen in this place?

People: How many feet have stepped in this place?

Leader: How many Lord's Prayers have echoed in this place?

People: These walls resonate; these walls vibrate with the wonder of generations.

Leader: These walls echo with the heartbeats of ancestors and friends.

People: Nothing disappears without a trace in this creation.

Leader: Love and high aspiration, grief and adoration live in these walls.

People: The heartbeats of generations live in these walls.

Leader: Their yearning toward God lives in these walls.

People: Whispering to us, encouraging us,

Leader: Echoing in us.

People: Singing with us.

*Hymn No. 711

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Generous and gracious God, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us who now belong to the communion of saints. We thank you for ordinary persons with laughter in their eyes and kindness in their deeds. We thank you for common ones with compassionate hearts and listening ears. We thank you for holy ones who saw light in the midst of darkness and potential when others saw dead ends. We thank you for strong ones who remained faithful in times of crisis, who endured suffering yet remained joyous, who fought for justice when they could have chosen comfort. Help us walk in the shadow of the saints who go before us, now and always. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Page 78 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

How Blessed, How Beautiful
Chancel Choir

Carl Nygard

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing

*Doxology No. 96

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Myra Shaffer

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Hymn No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hanson Place

†Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Embracing Our Inheritance"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

All Saints Litany (Please see insert)

Recognition of the Saints

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*Benediction

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

***Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Litany for the Saints

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

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –

Minister: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you – our grateful hymn we sing.

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

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –

Minister: 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.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward – accept our thankful cry.

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

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –

Minister: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help guide and uplift us – children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

People: 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.

Minister: 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,

People: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Minister: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

People: Amen.

All Saints Day

In the early church, Christians would observe the anniversary of a martyr's death by holding an All-Night Vigil and celebrating the Eucharist (Holy Communion). As the Christian church divided into East and West, the Eastern Church began the tradition of a collective remembrance of the saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In the West, November 1 was established by a decree by Pope Gregory III as the date of remembrance.. In the United Methodist Church, All Saints Day is generally observed on the first Sunday in November. Traditions vary but usually involve the reading of the names of those that have died during the preceding year, accompanied by the lighting of candles and in many cases, the ringing of bells. Today, a family member or friend will light a candle in memory of those who have died in our congregation since November, 2009, accompanied by ringing of the bells.

Linda Tharpe Cox	<i>November 5, 2009</i>	Candle lit by her husband, Vern Cox
Louise Easler Webber	<i>November 14, 2009</i>	Candle lit by friend, Gale Robinson
Joan B. Panasiuk	<i>November 24, 2009</i>	Candle lit by friend, Hildreth Strom
Clinton William Faulkner	<i>December 13, 2009</i>	Candle lit by his mother, Pam Faulkner and his sister, Brooke Faulkner
Claude Smith Hughey	<i>December 15, 2009</i>	Candle lit by friend, Hazel Bennett
Mildred Yarborough Scurry	<i>January 12, 2010</i>	Candle lit by her daughter, Martha Pridgen
Ruth Stockbridge Garvey	<i>January 24, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Lydia Gnutti
Betty Partee Turner	<i>January 31, 2010</i>	Candle lit by her daughters, Bootsie Babb, Beth Patterson, Dottie Blankenship, Allison Walters, and her granddaughters, Grayson and Whitney Patterson
Everett Larry Landrum	<i>March 6, 2010</i>	Candle lit by his daughter, Kimberly Reid
Arlen Sydney Terry	<i>March 13, 2010</i>	Candle lit by his wife, Faye Terry
Darwin B. Schlesing	<i>April 2, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Marge Hoffman
Paul Edward Scott	<i>April 4, 2010</i>	Candle lit by his wife, Elizabeth Scott
Mary Jayne Welborn	<i>April 25, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Mary Lynn Polk
Joyce Griffin Roark	<i>May 3, 2010</i>	Candle lit by her husband, Walter Roark, Jr.
Bruce Rhodes Sigmon	<i>May 4, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Shirley Logan
Bob Reynolds	<i>June 12, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, C. J. Lupo
Eleanor Suggs Rice	<i>June 12, 2010</i>	Candle lit by her husband, Fotsie Rice
Belle T. Fayssoux	<i>June 12, 2010</i>	Candle lit by her niece, Dot Latham
Susan Rebecca Bouknight	<i>June 20, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Caroline Hawthorne
William Spencer Hand	<i>August 20, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, De Canaday
James Hampton Wade	<i>August 26, 2010</i>	Candle lit by his son, Hamp Wade
John Robert Zeh	<i>October 6, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Elmer Schaible
Elizabeth McKoon Hayes	<i>October 25, 2010</i>	Candle lit by friend, Vera Lupo