



# *ALL SAINTS' DAY*

**All Saints Day**  
November 1, 2020

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**                      *Chorale Prelude on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*                      Kaufmann  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 146*)                      *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**ALL:** *Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals who cannot save.*

One: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**ALL:** *Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord our God!*

One: God upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. He sets prisoners free, and gives sight to the blind!

**ALL:** *The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord, and let us worship God together!*

**MUSIC**                                      *Holy Ground*                                      Christopher Beatty  
Susannah White, soloist

**TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**                      *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Let us be ourselves before God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, yet loves us steadfastly and redemptively.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**                      *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**ALL:** *Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence because of our many sins. If You dealt with us as we deserve, we would not deserve any grace or mercy from You. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, and loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You. We humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

From John Knox Sunday Service

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Friends, believe the Good News  
*ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**THE WORD**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Rev. John White

*We honor the memory of those in our congregation who have died since last All Saints' Day:  
Virginia Bridgewater, Joyce Montgomery, Sylvia Showalter, Martha Stockard, Eloise Phillips*

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS**

Rev. John White

One: Eternal and Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your faithful servants who have followed your will in a grand procession of praise throughout the world and through the centuries, into our own time and place.  
*ALL: We hear their stories in the pages of scripture, in the records of history, in the recollections of our families, and our own childhood memories.*  
One: As we remember these people, inspire us by your Spirit to join their ranks and follow our Lord through life, to be bold as they were, and brave as well, witnessing to your righteous truth and generous love.  
*ALL: Give us grace, O God, that we will leave a legacy of faithfulness to encourage and challenge those who follow us along the way of discipleship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**MUSIC**

*For All the Saints*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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**PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. John White

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**SERMON**

*"An Upside Down World"*

Rev. John White

**MUSIC**

*O Lord Most Holy*  
Susannah White, soloist

Ce'sar Franck

**RESPONSE**

*#Latecomers may be seated*

*\*Congregation standing, if able*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**ALL:** *We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom alone we must worship, and in Whom alone we must put our trust; Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible...*

from The Scots Confession, 1560 (chapter 1)

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. John White*

**SENDING**

**CHARGE**

*Rev. John White*

**BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccatina*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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