

*Faith United Methodist Church*  
*All Saints Sunday*                      *November 3, 2019*  
*God's People Gather to Worship at 9:00 am*

*All Saints Day originated sometime in the 4th Century and was originally celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. During the 800s the date of the celebration of All Saints Day was moved to November 1 and at that time it was celebrated by the whole church. All Saints Day is a time when the church honors those who died as witnesses of the Christian Faith. These were faithful people who refused to deny Christ. There were many thousands of early Christian martyrs and over the years there are countless others who witnessed to Christ. Today, in many of our churches, the names of deceased members from the past year are read during the service on All Saints Day.*

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, teach us to pray with the saints. Free us from enslavement from our time and place. Help us to mark the lessons of history and to learn from them. Give us the humility to be instructed by someone other than ourselves. Enable us to pray with the saints. Thank you for the saints, all those dear people who lived the faith before us, who told us the stories of Jesus when we were young, who set good examples of fidelity before us. We are here this Sunday because of their gifts. Amen.

† GREETING            The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVELY*)                      *How Great is Our God: A Call to Worship Inspired by Psalm 145*

Leader            Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

**People**            ***How great is our God!***

Leader            From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

**People**            ***Great is our God and worthy of praise!***

Leader            God, you are just and kind in all your doings.

**People**            ***Great is our God and worthy of praise!***

Leader            God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

**All:**                ***How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!***

† OPENING HYMN 57                      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*IN UNISON*)

We have only to look in the mirror, recall the hurtful words we spoke this week, remember the person in need we hurried past, to know that we are no saints. Yet like them, it is us—with our failings and foolish lives—called by God to carry the good news into the world. Let us confess our sins, that we might set them down and pick up the gospel.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus came to pardon sinners and will bring to fulfillment every good promise.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:1-3

*Page 631, pew Bible*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

*Page 878, pew Bible*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Beulah Land

OFFERTORY

Our witness to Christ may not be the ultimate sacrifice of our lives. Our witness may simply be to say “Yes” to the call to share all of our gifts generously and wholeheartedly. God takes pleasure in us whether we are able to participate by providing support or whether we are among those who receive support. The invitation awaits our bold but joy-filled response.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Page 95, UMH*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Loving God, we present to you our gifts. We pray that you might bless them and us as we praise you with our voices and with our lives. Amen.

† HYMN (*SEE MUSIC INSERT*)

When the Saints go Marching In

SERMON

*One Day, Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow Will Be the Same*

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

PRAYER

Almighty God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for all; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting...

As we continue our requests and praise, let us join together in the Lord's Prayer. Our Father, who art in heaven...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN 717

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE OF ALL**

**WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR LIVES IN FAITH**

We remember our church family and loved ones of our congregation who have completed their lives in faith. A Candle is lit for those whose names are close to our hearts, and a second candle for all those who are unknown to us, but only to God.

EUCCHARIST (See Bulletin Enclosure)

† BENEDICTION

We will go with our hunger, and be fed; we will go with our brokenness, and be healed; we will offer ourselves, and be accepted by the Spirit. God has fed us on grace, so let us go to share the kingdom with everyone around us. Jesus has filled us with compassion and grace, so let us go to be with others in the days to come. The Spirit has poured hope into our lives, so let us go to be a blessing to those in our world.

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You