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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Prelude on 'The Call'" / Alec Wyton ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

People: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

Leader: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

People: We come, seeking the face of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

HYMN #711 v. I-4 ----- “For All the Saints”

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

SERMON----- “Yes, Lord, We Believe” ----- Pastor Atkinson

(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

HANDBELL OFFERTORY - - - - "For All the Saints" / arr. Kevin McChesney

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

People: We hold on to ancient angers and hurts,
and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new.

Leader: Like Mary & Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life.

People: Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus,
we have not believed that we would see your glory.

Leader: Forgive our unbelief, O God.

People: Bring us back, and restore our trust in you. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's love and restoring mercy are poured out for us. Receive these blessings, for we are loved by God and granted forgiveness and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. . . .

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit...

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those we name before you—

<i>Kim Rollins</i>	<i>12/18/2020</i>
<i>Bernice Noe</i>	<i>12/25/2020</i>
<i>Bill Wymer</i>	<i>1/11/2021</i>
<i>JoAnn Samples</i>	<i>1/23/2021</i>
<i>Keith Squires</i>	<i>2/14/2021</i>
<i>Eleanor Elder</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jeanie Allen</i>	<i>6/17/2021</i>
<i>Jack Chipps</i>	<i>8/24/2021</i>
<i>Lena Jane Skidmore</i>	<i>9/8/2021</i>
<i>Patty Starr</i>	<i>9/19/2021</i>
<i>Bruce Alker</i>	<i>9/22/2021</i>
<i>Frank Zedak</i>	<i>10/2021</i>

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN #733-----"Marching to Zion"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - - - - "From 'Ora Labora'" / Peter Pindar Stearns- - - - Dr. Scott

2021 Annual Charge Conference
of First United Methodist—Clarksburg
Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT FIRST CHURCH



We are continuing our ministry with the kids of First Church.

Candy Atkinson provides leadership on Sunday mornings during "Children's Church" the Mezzanine Classroom (2nd floor).

Don Gardner will guide the youth in activities in worship, service, and fellowship.

In all events, we follow "Safe Sanctuary" practices here at First Church,
A 2nd adult is required to be in the room ... so your help is always welcome!



HOLIDAY "FOOD BASKET" GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is in place in our sanctuary until November 21.
We are collecting food for at least 9 baskets to be handed out prior to Thanksgiving (and again at Christmas).

Please take leaves from the tree and return the items to the tree area, or to the volunteer desk (by 2nd St/Parlor door) by November 21.

As you bring your "Giving Tree" items, please include socks and underwear (sizes small & medium)

Questions? Contact Nancy Ferber at 304-476-0566.

