

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Neely Gaston

Call to Worship Rev. Gaston and Congregation

In a world where hate seeps into every corner,

God's love will always fill the room.

When our prejudices deny people their dignity,

God's love will always lift them up.

When we ignore our neighbor's needs,

God's love will always care for them.

On this Communion Sunday,

May God's love give us the courage to meet hate with love, erase our prejudices, and care for our neighbors. Amen.

*Hymn 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (st. 1, 2, 3, 7) ST. ANNE

*Invocation and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Remembering the Saints

Call to Remembrance (Read responsively)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

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

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

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

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.

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

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

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.

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.

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,

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

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

Amen.

Roll Call of the Saints (As each name is called, the family is invited to come forward to light a candle.)

†Vivian Narvaez

†Bess Burns

†Ernestine Bedenbaugh

†Bill Kee

†Ed Sharpe, Deacon

†Stanhope Gale

†Grace Wood

†James McWaters, Elder

†Ted Ratterree, Elder

Prayer (in unison)

God, our Father, source of all holiness, the work of your hands is manifest in your saints, the beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith. May we who aspire to have part in their joy be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives, so that having shared their faith on earth we may also know their peace in your kingdom. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 358 "For All the Saints (st. 1-ALL, **st. 2-Choir only**, st. 6-ALL) SINE NOMINE

Psalter Reading Psalm 116 (TH 827-828)

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Unto Thee, O Lord" arr. Gayden Sikes

Prayer

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Gayden Sikes

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Scripture Matthew 24:1-14

¹Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ²“Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.” ³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Sermon “Then the End Will Come”

Prayer

*Hymn 448 “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” (st. 1 only) JESUS SAVES
(Elders assisting with Communion will come forward.)

Communion

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Anthem “Communion Song” Mark Weston
Partaking of the Elements

*Hymn 431 “A Parting Hymn We Sing” (st. 1 only) SCHUMANN

*Closing Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Postlude Solenne” William Croft / arr. Georg Frideric Handel

*Standing, if able



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Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God’s presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God’s Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.