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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day

REFLECTION

“On this day, we remember all those who have come before us in our families, our parish, and in our community. These saints remain among us in our inheritance of values, of resources, and of accomplishments. What are we doing with what we have inherited - to maintain, strengthen, and grow in our parish, personal life and ministries in our neighborhood and community?”

- Rev. Ronald Reed

PRELUDE

Partita on “For All the Saints” Setting by Timothy Shaw

- I. *Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!*
Alleluia!
- II. *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their*
might.
- III. *We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.*
- IV. *Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 731, St. 1 - 3 *“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”*

REPTON

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:

 On God’s good promise thy rely,
 So while they live and when they die
 How forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:

 Who seek the city God has planned,
 The true, eternal promised land,
 And steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:

 They show by what they say and do
 An inward beauty, warm and true,
 For God’s concerns they own: God’s love through them is known.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God - meet us here and make your word live in us. Remind us, O Lord, of the cloud of witnesses that surround us and help us to follow their example. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Make us, like all the saints before us - a people who are eager to share your love with those that are far off and those that are near. Guide us, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship and serve you -- both in this hour, and in all the hours to come. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - our brother and our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun.

Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN NO. 731, St. 4 *“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”* REPTON

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
 Though often by this world despised,
 Their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *“O How Amiable”* Ralph Vaughan Williams

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 2:4-9*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 8:31-36*

SERMON *“Still Reformed and Presbyterian”* Rev. William Schram

HYMN NO. 326, St. 1 - 3 *“For All the Saints”* SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race . . . We especially lift to you today, O God, those saints whose names are listed in our bulletin or upon our hearts.

The names of the members/friends of the congregation who have died within the past year will be read. A moment of silence will follow during which a bell will ring for each person named.

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

HYMN NO. 565

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS

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

CONSECRATION & 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.

SHARING

HYMN NO. 602

"Holy Lamb of God"

YA HAMALALLAH

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world. Grant us your peace;
Grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here, we were reminded of the virtuous and godly living of saints that has become an inspiration for us. Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to run with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.

HYMN NO. 326, St. 4 & 5

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita on “For All the Saints”

Setting by Timothy Shaw

V. *But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day.*

†The Feast of All Saints falls each year on November 1st and serves to commemorate all Christian people of every time and place. The *saints* in the New Testament refers to Christians collectively, and it is this understanding of All Saints that has spread among Protestants. This morning we remember those sisters and brothers connected with our congregation who have died during the past twelve months.

Marguerite Bischoff
Raymond Charles Corbin
Russell Jay Courter
Alice W. Gibson
George Bernard Hansson
William C. Hayden
Joseph Alton Martin, Jr.
Grace L. McElwee
Frederick W. Page
Reverend Jesseman Robert Pryor
Louise B. Ritscher
Richard D. Rose
Robert John Scarillo, Jr.
Virginia C. Schmidt
David Michael Soulen
Judith A. Swift
Deborah A. Wefferling
Jean Weld
Kimberly Alene Zisa

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