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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

November 6, 2022

9:30 AM

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday following All Saint's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Voluntary"

William Boyce

REFLECTION

*(Leadership as transformation) "means to help a people grow so they can
face their biggest challenges."*

-Ronald Heifetz

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Sunday before election day, we gather in worship.

We chose to remember,

that Christians vote in all parties, and serve our Lord with a variety of gifts.

We chose to remember,

**that human beings, even those we strongly disagree with, were created in the image
of God.**

We come to remember our oneness in Christ.

Let us worship our Lord as brothers and sisters.

*HYMN NO. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Song of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and compassion, we like to think you agree with us. We need reminding that you are the God of Republicans and Democrats and Independents, God of the poor and the 1% and the middle class. In the heat of this election year we confess that we hear and too often repeat words and judgements marked by meanness and deception. Help us repent so that our words become kind and true. Help this be so even or especially when we have valid differences of opinion. We confess that in the midst of loud speeches and harsh accusations, we forget to listen well and don’t try to understand each other. Forgive us, Jesus, and help us do your work, Jesus-breaking down the dividing walls, speaking the truth in love, meeting together in the face of disagreements. Holy loving Lord, have mercy on your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s life turned towards humanity in Jesus, even before people repented and turned our lives toward God. Trust the Lord who reaches out to us in grace.
In Jesus we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 583

“Glory to God”

GLORIA

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Oasis Giving Tree

Ellen Johnson

FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Page 827, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton arr. Hal H. Hopson

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:14-17

Page 194, NT

SERMON

Things Too Good To Be True

Rev. Dr. SanDawana Ashley

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.
3. When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Remember who was at the table the night of the Last Supper.

Common, small town working folk like Peter, James and John.

City dweller and tax collector Matthew who benefitted from the establishment system.

**Simon the Zealot who wanted to toss out all the establishment,
Roman and Temple authorities alike.**

Small town tradesmen like Nathaniel.

That night Jesus called them all friends.

and commanded them to love one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

CONCECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we gathered at this holy table at your invitation and in communion with generations past and generations yet to be. 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.

A TIME OF REMEMBERANCE

*HYMN NO. 326 vs. 1,2,3

"For All Saints"

SINE NOMINE

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

RINGING OF THE BELL

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 read out loud here today or are set upon our hearts. Amen.

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.

O. Bonnie Babson
Sandra Harvey
Brian Johnson
David Jones
Mary Bainbridge Norton
Miriam Page
Phyllis Sutton
William Winter

*HYMN NO. 326 vs. 4,5

“For All Saints”

SINE NOMINE

4. 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!
5. 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!

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

GOING FORTH

*HYMN

“God of All Peoples”

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

(“Morning Has Broken”)

*This interfaith hymn was written in response to the recent divisive presidential elections. Words by: Rev. Carolyn Gillette
Permission is given for free use of this hymn in local faith communities.*

1. God of all peoples, cultures and nations,
God of the poor and wealthy ones, too-
Be with our land as we make decisions,
Help us, we pray, to listen to you.
2. May we hear well your call to do justice;
may we know all your children have worth.
may we seek leaders who will end violence;
may we choose ones who care for your earth.
3. May we be thoughtful in our decisions;
Who will be truthful, moral and wise?
Who will restore the streets that we live in?
Who will love those whom others despise?
4. God, may this time of anger be over;
may we grow past our current divide.
Make us as one, as sisters and brothers;
in this good land, may your love abide.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Paul Manz

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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