

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

- Debbie Rippard

Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love endures forever. We have seen Your love expressed in the lives of Your chosen people in the Scriptures. And we have experienced Your steadfast love in our very own lives. Even though they sinned, when they repented, You saved them from distress. Likewise, Father, we remember how You have forgiven us when we have returned to You in faith, repentance, and obedience. Help us share the good news of Your salvation with others, and hear us as we pray in Jesus' holy name:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints” #711

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

A LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY (responsively) - Dr. Hazlett and Debbie Rippard

(LR: Lay Reader; P: People; CP: Clergy Person)

LR: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

P: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

PC: *We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:*

P: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

LR: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

P: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

CP: *We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:*

P: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

LR: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As their names are read family and friends are invited to stand as a family representative brings a flower forward to be placed in the vase. We will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life:

Kathryn B. Paynter	November 05, 2020
Irene Simmons	November 22, 2020
Russell C. Poyner, II	December 20, 2020
Evelyn Yount	January 08, 2021
Fleda Humphries	January 9, 2021
Lillian Everett	January 20, 2021
Peggy Johnson	February 02, 2021
Beth Ann Ryan	February 9, 2021
Shirley Reel Dickinson	February 17, 2021
David “Jimmy” Monroe Litten	February 25, 2021
Gerald M. Grant	April 4, 2021
Evelyn “Lynn” Boeri	April 22, 2021
Ruth Lucille Payette	April 23, 2021
Judith Moore Story	June 19, 2021
Marguerite Nora Culver Purcell	July 6, 2021
Ruth Elizabeth Helfrich	July 21, 2021
Atha Wimmer	September 01, 2021
Joseph R. Elliott	October 3, 2021
Mary Helen Guynn	October 19, 2021

P: *We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.*

P: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

L: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

P: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Scars in Heaven”

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 57:1-11 (The Message)

God Most High, have pity on me!

Have mercy.

I run to you for safety.

In the shadow of your wings, I seek protection till danger dies down.

² I pray to you, my protector.

³ You will send help from heaven and save me, but you will bring trouble on my attackers.

You are faithful, and you can be trusted.

⁴ I live among lions, who gobble down people! They have spears and arrows instead of teeth, and they have sharp swords instead of tongues.

⁵ May you, my God, be honored above the heavens; may your glory be seen everywhere on earth.

⁶ Enemies set traps for my feet and struck me down. They dug a pit in my path, but fell in it themselves.

⁷ I am faithful to you, and you can trust me. I will sing and play music for you, my God.

⁸ I feel wide awake!

I will wake up my harp and wake up the sun.

⁹ I will praise you, Lord, for everyone to hear, and I will sing hymns to you in every nation.

¹⁰ Your love reaches higher than the heavens; your loyalty extends beyond the clouds.

¹¹ May you, my God, be honored above the heavens; may your glory be seen everywhere on earth.

John 8:12-19, 21-24

¹² Jesus once again addressed them: “I am the world’s Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in.”

¹³ The Pharisees objected, “All we have is your word on this. We need more than this to go on.”

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ Jesus replied, “You’re right that you only have my word. But you can depend on it being true. I know where I’ve come from and where I go next. You don’t know where I’m from or where I’m headed. You decide according to what you can see and touch. I don’t make judgments like that. But even if I did, my judgment would be true because I wouldn’t make it out of the narrowness of my experience but in the largeness of the One who sent me, the Father. That fulfills the conditions set down in God’s Law: that you can count on the testimony of two witnesses. And that is what you have: You have my word and you have the word of the Father who sent me.”

¹⁹ They said, “Where is this so-called Father of yours?” Jesus said, “You’re looking right at me and you don’t see me. How do you expect to see the Father? If you knew me, you would at the same time know the Father.”

²¹ Then he went over the same ground again. “I’m leaving and you are going to look for me, but you’re missing God in this and are headed for a dead end. There is no way you can come with me.”

²² The Jews said, “So, is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by ‘You can’t come with me’?”

²³⁻²⁴ Jesus said, “You’re tied down to the mundane; I’m in touch with what is beyond your horizons. You live in terms of what you see and touch. I’m living on other terms. I told you that you were missing God in all this. You’re at a dead end. If you won’t believe I am who I say I am, you’re at the dead end of sins. You’re missing God in your lives.”

THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“More Beyond”

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Hymn of Promise” #707

**2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.**

**From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As the music begins you are invited to come forward to receive the elements.

Baskets have been placed in the front to receive your CAP offering.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” #702

**1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.**

**4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"**

CLOSING PRAYER BASED ON HEBREWS 12:1-2 (responsively) - Debbie Rippard

L: Brothers and sisters, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, each of whom lived a life of faith in God, let us lay aside every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress.

P: and let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ, on whom our faith depends from start to finish.

POSTLUDE

- Dana Moody