

Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

For All the Saints

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The Welcome

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

The Opening Hymn No. 711

For All the 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.

Refrain

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

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The Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Family Resemblance

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Carl Schalk

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them."
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Revelation 14:13

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The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

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

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Congregation is seated and the pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

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.

William Mathias

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
 All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

William Mathias

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Hymn No. 2282

I'll Fly Away

I'LL FLY AWAY

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
 to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain

- I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
 When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.
2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
 like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. **Refrain**
 3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
 to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. **Refrain**

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Rise, Shine, You People

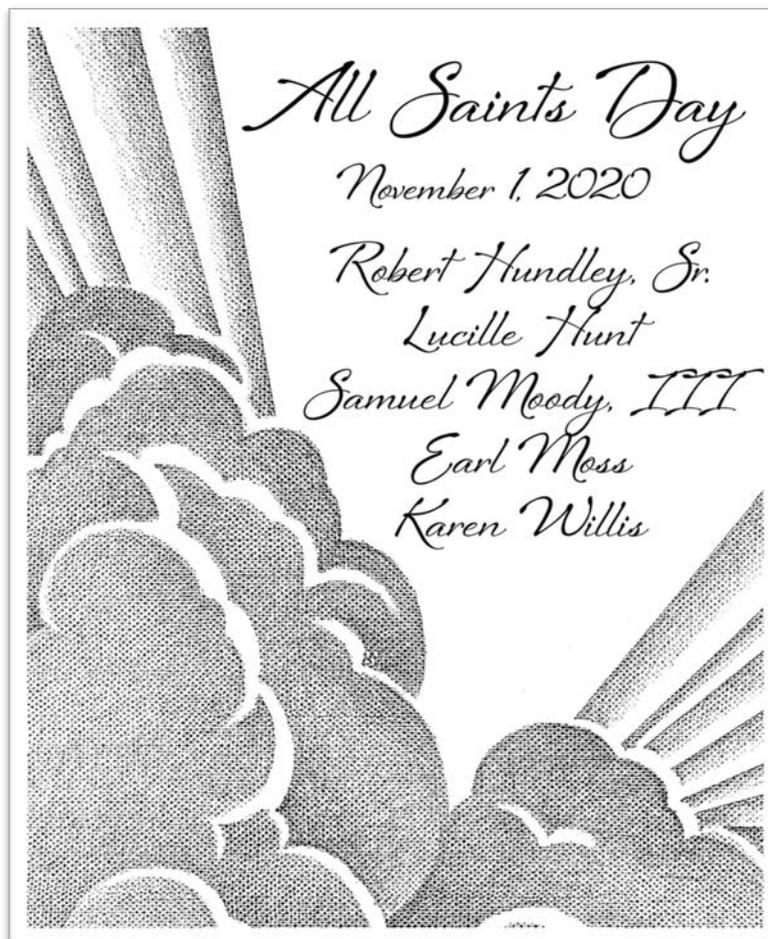
Dale Wood

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We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Regan Sprenkle Joel Coreas, Sam Cook



Scriptures

1 John 3:1-3

³ ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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