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* Please rise in body or in spirit

All Saints Day Worship Service WE GATHER

Prelude “Give Thanks” Hanna Noh

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn TFWS 2088 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

***Call to Worship**

L: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

P: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God’s abundant life. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

Opening Unison prayer

Eternal and Living God,
we gather in Your presence to remember and give thanks.
You are the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
the One who holds all generations in love.
We thank You for the saints who have gone before us—
for their faith that shaped our own,
for their love that still echoes in our hearts,
for their light that continues to shine among us.
Surround us now with that great cloud of witnesses,

that we may sense their joy as we worship You.
Strengthen us to follow in their footsteps—
to live with courage, to serve with compassion,
and to trust Your promise of a new heaven and a new earth,
where death is no more, and all tears are wiped away.
Through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, we pray.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn** UMH 368 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less vs. 1 & 3

*** Sharing Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

Choir Anthem “Amazing Grace”

Liturgy for All Saints

Pastor: On this sacred day, we remember the saints— those who have gone before us, those whose faith shaped our own. All Saints Day is born from the deep conviction that heaven and earth are not far apart— that love bridges every distance, and the communion of saints is a living thread woven through time, binding us together in the heart of God.

People: We give thanks for lives that shone with grace, for hearts that reflected God’s mercy, for hands that served in quiet faithfulness. They left their mark on our hearts and on this earth— for God, for us, for the children yet to come.

Pastor: Here at Asbury Church, we walk in the light they kindled. Their stories still whisper courage, their prayers still hold us, their love still lingers in this sanctuary. May their witness rekindle our hope. May their faith awaken our own. And may we, too, shine with the light of Christ, so that generations yet unborn will find in us a steadfast trust, a holy love, a radiant faith.

Prayer in Unison

Faithful Redeemer, You are the beginning and the end of all things.
You promise to wipe away every tear, to bring an end to death and mourning.
God of the living, You dwell among us, and make Your home within our hearts.
Teach us to live as the saints You call us to be— shining with compassion, walking in mercy, serving with joy. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Naming and lightening Candles

Pastor: Living God, our Guide and Guardian,
Who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life,
we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue
who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.
We set aside this moment to remember
Those saints who are dear and precious to us
Who have died and entered into glory
during the last twelve months.

We now speak their names. Please stand in body or in spirit, if you are able, as we name the saints who have gone before us. After each candle is lit, we will pause for a brief moment of silent prayer and remembrance.

Naming: Jan Jones, Becky Arnold, Lee Arnold, Ben McGovern, Carl Bishop jr.

Merciful God,
we bless You for the life and love of these dear saints.
Their laughter, their faith, their kindness—
all have become part of us.
We rejoice that they now rest
in the fullness of life,
held in the light of Your eternal presence.

We remember, too,
those whom we still hold close in our hearts—
saints whose voices we no longer hear,
yet whose love still whispers in our souls.
Though time has passed,
their witness continues to guide us,
their faith continues to shape us.
We honor them now
by lifting their names in the quiet places of our hearts.

Now, I invite you to come forward
and light a candle for the saints in your life—
those whose light still shines within you,
whose love still kindles hope,
whose memory still warms the heart of this community.

Light the Candle for the saints in your lives

All are invited to forward and light the candle for saints in their lives

(During the lighting of candles, we sing "For All the Saints(UMH 711)" Feel free to come forward via the center opening of the altar railing during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend. Return to your seat via the end of the altar railing. We encourage children to participate. Remember the power of the resurrection!)

L: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember
that we too are living saints,
members of the family of God
with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.
And so, we remember:

Together:
We are God's children.

**What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
So today and every day,
may we put on Christ and live as saints
who tend the poor,
comfort the mourners,
learn from the meek,
affirm those who seek righteousness,
offer mercy alongside the merciful,
and work for peace with the peacemakers
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast as the family of God
at his heavenly banquet. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

12 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, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Songs of Illumination

UMH#454 Open My Eyes, That I May See vs1

Open my eyes that I may see / glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon “No One Runs Alone”

Rev. Yohan Go

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Pastoral prayer Rev. Yohan Go

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 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering Invitation “I Sing Praises to Your Name”

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know, Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

Offering prayer Rev. Yohan Go

Holy Communion

Rev. Yohan Go

A Sung Communion Liturgy for All Saints Day: Abide With Me tune (UMH 700)

Text: Beth Quick (Colleague from Upper New York), 2019

**Abide with us; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; God, with us abide.
When other helpers fail and comfort flee.
God, in our grieving, you our refuge be.**

God you created everything we see.
You formed our friends, and all that we would be.
You walked with them by waters still and clear.
And though dark valleys you were always there.

**We need your presence every passing hour.
What but your grace can conquer death's deep power?
Who, but you God, can be our guide and stay?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide always.**

Christ knew our trials, for he faced them too.
He hurt and suffered, met death, like we do.
**We follow Jesus, taking up the cross.
And with his strength, we bear the pain and loss.**

Before his death, Christ joined with friends to eat.
Fruit of the vine, and bread formed out of wheat.
"Take, eat, and drink; remember when you do.
Sharing this meal, my life I give to you."

Spirit of God, be poured on us today,
And on this wine and bread, your Spirit stay.
Make them become the life of Christ in us,
Send us to love and serve as Jesus Does.

**As we depart, we leave with words of peace.
E'en in our grief, we're called to share your grace.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, the victory?
God, you abide for all eternity.**

Breaking Bread and Sharing the Cup

Closing hymn: UMH 374 – Standing on the Promises vs. 1 & 3

Benediction

Rev. Yohan Go

Postlude “He Is Exalted” Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. November is our Thanksgiving Month. Throughout the month, we are collecting hats, mittens, and socks for those in need. Please bring your donations and place them in the baskets.
2. The date for our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at 7 p.m. here at Asbury UMC. Reports are due in the office by October 28th.
3. Next Sunday’s message will be delivered by Rev. Luke Lee, a missionary serving in Guatemala.
4. The worship leader for Sunday, November 9th is Lee Arnold.
5. Our Christmas Village Bazaar is November 8th from 9 AM – 2:30 PM.

Birthdays

- 2nd Peter Anderson & Don Rowell
- 3rd Jane Leboeuf, Lee Mills, Rory Martin-Hagemeyer, & Grace Noh Capacho
- 4th Debbie Bush
- 5th Addison Quattrocchi
- 8th Eric Okerholm & John Weigner

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Gwen Weigner by her loving family.