

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

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## All Saints Day Worship Service November 3, 2024

**Gathering Song**      "In the Garden"      Hanna Noh

### Greeting

#### Asbury Mission Statement

We are Asbury! Abundantly thankful to God; Saved by Christ's resurrection; Blessed by God; United by Christ's love for each of us; Reaching out to our church family and our community; Yearning to tell the Good News to all by being Christ's voice, hands, and feet in the world.

### Announcements

**Centering Hymn:** UMH 378 "Amazing Grace" vs1

#### \*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 Hymn** UMH 369 "Blessed Assurance" vs,1,3

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

**Choir Anthem:** "Fanfare and Concertato on Holy, Holy, Holy"

## **Lighting Candles of Remembrance**

### **Liturgy for All Saints**

Pastor: The Christian remembrance of all Saints Day comes from the conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. We are to give God gratitude for the lives of all saints. This day specifically honors the Christians who are no longer with us. It is a biblical idea that everyone who is saved is a saint; a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. God made us with love. Love regenerating endlessly with God. They left their mark on our hearts and on this earth for God, for us, for the children to come.

We have been blessed by such a long history of saints at Asbury church. We are guided to continually learn from the lives of all of those who have gone before us, gleaning from their humility and servitude. We have so many faithful examples to draw from and so many stories of faith and trust. May the stories of those from the past encourage us and may we continue to shine the light of our Lord onward, so that future generations may look back on our examples and feel the same trust and conviction that we do.

Please pray with me in unison.

### **Prayer in Unison**

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.

The God of the living  
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.

### **Naming and lightening Candles**

L: 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 spirit if you are able, as we name the saints. After lighting a candle, we will have a brief moment of silent prayer.

Marjorie Biron / Thomas Brierly / Stanley French / David Keene / Kathleen Martin-Estus /  
Marc Merlan / Linda Mills / Shirley Nuttall / Otis Wyatt

Pastor: Merciful God, We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints,  
and rejoice for them that they have entered  
into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who  
we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time,  
yet whose life and witness  
continue to form and shape us as your disciples.  
We honor them now by lifting their names in our hearts.

Now, I invite you to come forward and light the Candle for the saints in your lives.

**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 Revelation 21:1-6a**

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

### **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**            Communion of All Saints in Christ    Rev. Yohan Go

**Response Song** UMH 496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" vs1

**Hymn:** (UMH 186 Alleluia) Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**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** "As the Deer" Kerri Dorsey

### **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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day; for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. WE praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your Church with all who have faithfully lived and died. Above all else, we thank you for Jesus who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake, and who lives and prays for us. And as he taught us, now we pray.

### **Breaking Bread and Sharing the Cup**

**Closing hymns: UMH 374 "Standing on the Promises" vs.1,4**

## **Benediction**

**\* Prayer for peace through hymn UMH #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**Postlude**      "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"      Hanna Noh

## **Announcements**

1. The worship leader for next Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> is Lee Arnold.
2. The church conference will be held on Saturday, November 9, at 11 a.m. at Zion KUMC. It will be a joint church conference with Asbury UMC, Zion KUMC, and Cornerstone of Faith UMC.
3. Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. Scan the QR code and click on the giving link on our website.



## **Birthdays**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>      Jane Leboeuf & Lee Mills  
4<sup>th</sup>      Debbie Bush  
5<sup>th</sup>      Addison Quattrocchi  
8<sup>th</sup>      Eric Okerholm & John Weigner  
9<sup>th</sup>      Becky Jacobson

**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 their loving family.*