

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 12, 2023

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS DAY

(The Annual Meeting of the Congregation follows)

THEME: Season of Hope



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

GATHERING

Prelude: "He Leadeth Me" Jason Payne

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: **The conviction of things not seen.**

Leader: By faith our ancestors trusted in God's ways;

People: **By faith they waited for what was promised.**

Leader: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: **Who lead us to Jesus, the pioneer and protector of our faith.**

Leader: We gather in this moment, in communion with our God,

People: **And with the love and encouragement of all who have led the way.**

* Hymn of Praise #326 – "For All the Saints"

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession:

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

All: Almighty God, we confess we have committed the same sins as our ancestors. We have ignored Your ways and settled for empty words and actions. We have forgotten to love our neighbors and instead have taken advantages of

systems of privilege and oppression for ourselves. We have failed to heed the warnings of the prophets, of times past and present. But there is still time, O God. We know there is still time to turn back to You. There is still time to make reparations for the wrongs of the past and present. There is still time to do justice and pursue peace. There is still time to forgive and seek reconciliation whenever possible. God, lead us into this time: a time of healing and hope, a time of restoration. Forgive us, restore us, and send us out to share the Gospel, the Good News of Your love for the world.

(A Time for Silent Confession)

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

People: **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Response: #654 – "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "The Journey" Joseph Martin

Scripture: Revelation 7:-17

Sermon: "When the Ordeal Is Over"

*Hymn of Response: #726 – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

* **DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer: Hymn #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children" (sing twice)

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #757 – "Today We All Are Called"

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The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

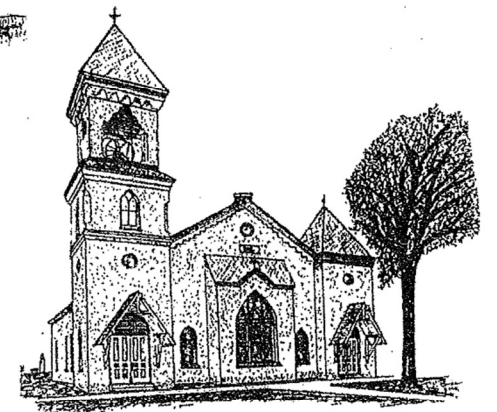
Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: **Betty Denlinger**

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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