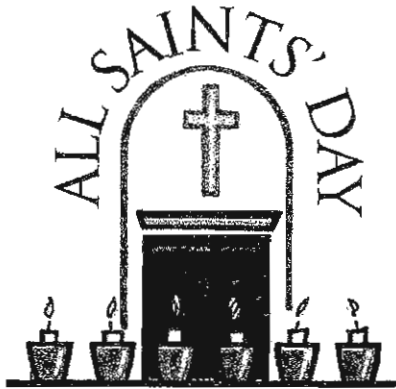


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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

November 3, 2019
21st Sunday of Pentecost † All Saints Sunday

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Stanley

OPENING PRAYER

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.**

**We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands**

Used as wave offerings across the land.

**We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.**

**Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.**

**May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and
love. Amen.**

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*SINGING

For All the Saints

No. 711

COMMISSIONING OF OUR CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

Tom Senerchia

**All: Most gracious God, bless your servant(s) whom we now entrust with the office of class
leader. Grant them wisdom tempered by your love, and courage tempered by your
justice, so that Jesus Christ might be honored and served by all in this congregation, to
the furtherance of your coming reign, on earth as in heaven; through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**All who are able, please stand.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

On Eagle's Wings

No. 143

All: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

Amazing Abundance

Zelman/Miller

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

NT Pg. 165

MESSAGE

A Reflection

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

For All the Saints

FWS No. 2283

During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. After intention proceed to the altar to light a candle to remember the "saint" in your life. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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Seeger

Eventual Saints

Eventual saints

He's short, and everybody ridicules him.

He's resentful and bitter. No sense of humor. Give thanks for him.

He never gets along with others. Bad listener.

Hard to talk to. Always has his own agenda. Bless him.

He's a loner, can't seem to relate to people.

Off by himself, in his own little world. Honor him.

He's selfish, obsessed with his own wants,

clever at cheating others, without remorse. Lift him in prayer.

He's no saint, nobody you'd set as an example.

Without morals. Surely without grace. Revere him.

Then someone comes along and sees

who's inside him, hidden, waiting—and says, Zacchaeus, I'm having lunch with you.

Maybe the sooner we shed our judgments

and see us all as equals on the journey he sooner we all become the saints we are.

Luke 19:1-10

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CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

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