

**WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 7, 2021
STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES
ALL SAINTS & COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, Mary Hunter, Jay O'Connor & Corey

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Meeting Nov. 8

Charge Conference Nov. 9

Ecumenical Service Nov. 24 7pm St. Joseph

Thanksgiving baskets turn in by Nov. 21 & pack Nov. 22

Donations are canned veggies, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing.

Money for gift cards for the turkey, pie, rolls, and potato

Pampered Chef fundraiser through Nov. 15 contact church office

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

All blessing, honor, and glory, all wisdom, praise, and thanks be yours, O God of our salvation! We pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven, with the martyrs and the faithful in all ages, and in the name of the Lamb who was slain, who alone is worthy of worship. Prayers of the People, concluding with:
Bless us with your healing presence; make us hungry for justice; strengthen our faith; and increase our love for others, especially those we find it most difficult to love. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Romans 3:21-26

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

MUSIC “BORING CRY”

SERMON

“ Justification”
Rev. Effie McAvoy

COMMUNION

Holy and Living One, as we gather to break bread once again, break us open to your love, to your peace, to your presence, to your transformative power. In the name of the One who invites us time and again, Jesus the Christ. Let the people say, “Selah”

All:Selah!

We are all invited to the gift of this table of grace. As a response to the invitation, we are asked to let go of all that separates us from accepting this grace. We confess the ways we have placed hardship in the hands of others, rather than peace.

When we place peace in each other’s hands, we place love in all the hands of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All:In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

The Peace of Christ be with you.

All:And also with you.

Will you make a gesture of extending your cupped hands toward others who may be with you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you send your heartfelt peace out to the world.

The Lord be with you!

All:And also with you.

Open your hearts, your mouths, your lives to the Holy One.

All:We long for this communion.

Let us give our greatest thanks in the company of the beloved.

All:It is a good and joyful thing to give our thanks and praise.

All:Gift of Life, Creator of All That Is, You have breathed life into us, filled our emptiness, loved us through our

resistance. Time and again you say, Listen! Time and again you say, Live! Time and again you say, Love!

And so we gather and give thanks in this moment. We stop so we may listen, we breathe so we may live, we open so we may love.

All:Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you God, And blessed be your work in Jesus, Peace-Giver, Life-Healer.Spirit-Anointer, do your work in us, as in him.

All:May we proclaim release, recovery, liberty and the end of all oppression. May we savor the taste of goodness and offer this gift of love to all.

Jesus gathered with his disciples, his friends, his family. He took bread, said thanks over it, gave it to his companions and said, "Take, eat, this is my body. My life is given for love of you. So whenever you gather together, stop... Selah... think of me. Be at peace. I am here." And after the supper he lifted his cup, gave thanks over it, and offered it to his companions, saying, "Drink from this cup, all of you. This is my life, my love poured out for you. Whenever you gather together, stop... Selah... think of me. Be at peace. I am here."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All:Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

Holy Spirit, Breath of Wind,

All:Fill us, transform us.

Holy Spirit, Lover of Justice,

All:Fill us, transform us.

Holy Spirit, Maker of Unity,

All:Fill us, transform us.

And all God's people say, Amen!

As at communion shape your hands, into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.

Let us pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

We who are many are one body, one loaf, rising in Spirit together. We are one in the grace of Christ broken open for us. While we have many cups, God's love is poured upon us from the one cup of salvation. It is in this sharing beyond all time and space that we are drawn close, that we are made whole, that we are made free. As you are served by your own hand, know that the hand that serves you is the hand of all Christ's Body, through mystical union with the Divine. You are not alone.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER

