

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

November 1, 2020

All Saints



### OPENING OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

Meals on Wednesdays

Online Only until further notice due to COVID cases and State/County levels

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The poor, and those in solidarity with them –  
God is on your side.

Those who mourn and feel grief about the state of the world –  
God is on your side.

The non-violent, gentle and humble –  
God is on your side.

Those who hunger and thirst for the common good –  
God is on your side.

The merciful and compassionate –  
God is on your side.

Those characterized by sincerity, kindness and generosity –  
God is on your side.

Those who work for peace and reconciliation –  
God is on your side.

Those who keep seeking justice –  
God is on your side.

Those who stand for justice and truth as the prophets did,  
who refuse to be quiet even when slandered,  
misrepresented, threatened, imprisoned or harmed –  
God is on your side!

~ posted on the **Third Space** blog. <http://third-space.org.uk/fairtrade-beatitudes-and-sanctuary/>

## HYMNS

This is the Day UMH #657  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vs 1 & 2) UMH #557

## TIME OF PRAYER

### LITANY FOR THE SAINTS

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,  
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:  
**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests,  
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:  
**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,  
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:  
**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,  
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents  
whose lives ended too soon:  
**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up those whom we have lost to the ravages of pandemic,  
Friends, neighbors, parents, grandparents, children, nieces,  
nephews, all those whom we hold in our hearts. We pray for lives  
lost needlessly, whose witness was cut short by apathy and illness.

Help us to remember them Lord, that we would not ignore the mountain of grief built in these days, but would acknowledge the pain, suffering, and loss; so that we can honor them through our actions and lives.

We lift up to You, O God,  
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,  
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.  
As we read these names, we will pause after every name  
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

## READING OF THE SAINTS

*(Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.  
Explanation of the significance of the rice.)*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,  
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.  
We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,  
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,  
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.  
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life  
in Christ,  
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,  
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.  
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN

For All the Saints (vs 1, 2, 4, 5) UMH #711

## 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 and the power and glory forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1 CEB

1 John 3:1-3

**See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.**

**<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.**

LESSON 2 NRSV

Matthew 5:1-12

**1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:**

**3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

**6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

**7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

**8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

**10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

For all those we’ve lost along the way.

HYMN

Rejoice in God’s Saints UMH #708

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Let us pray.

**O God,  
who desires good for all creatures,  
satisfy our hunger not just for food,  
but for freedom, truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ,  
you revealed yourself to us  
as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people.  
We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit,  
bless these gifts and abide in our hearts  
so that our gifts and our actions  
may live out our faith,  
glorify God,  
and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—from [A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving](#) written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA, and posted on [Liturgy by TLW](#).

## **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1 & 4) UMH #557**

## **POSTLUDE**