WORSHIP HANDOUT Sunday November 6th All Saints Day



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..." There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!

---written by Sidney D. Fowler in <u>The Blessed Ones: A Celebration for All Saints Day</u>, on the website of the United Church of Christ.

ANTHEM:

"Remember Me"

Pepper Choplin

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

OPENING PRAYER Faithful God, source of every blessing: teach us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who persecute us, to turn the other cheek, to share our possessions, to give to those who are in need, and to do to others as we would have them do to us, so that we may join that company of blessed saints who feast with you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ from the **PCUSA** website. <u>https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/prayers_for_all_s</u> <u>aints_day.pdf</u>

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (cont.)

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER "We Are the Church" (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Hymn: "For All the Saints" verses 1,2,4,5 UMH #711

TIME OF PRAYER Prayers/Names of the People READING THE NAMES OF THE SAINTS LIGHTING OF SAINTS CANDLES PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC) 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 the glory now and forever. Amen. HYMN RESPONSE

Hymn of Promise v.3

UMH 707

OFFERTORY

UMH 95

*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.

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.

LESSON I Ephesians I:II-23 CEB

¹¹We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. ¹²We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹³You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. ¹⁴The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

¹⁵ Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that ¹⁶ I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, ¹⁹ and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. ²⁰ God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, ²¹ far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. ²² God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, ²³ which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

Luke 6:20-31 CEB

²⁰ Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor,

because God's kingdom is yours.

²¹ Happy are you who hunger now,

because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,

because you will laugh.

²² Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.^{[a] 23} Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

²⁴ But how terrible for you who are rich,

because you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,

because you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.
²⁷ "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. ³¹ Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

L: This is the Word of God for all people. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*HYMN	Shall We Gather at the River	UMH #723
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (Verse 4)		UMH #581

POSTLUDE