
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Gathering as God’s people
to be inspired to live as a community of Christ*

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. The light of day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us—such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do; for the sake of your son, Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

The Church Gathers to Celebrate ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE Dan Martin
SERVICE OF LIGHT Acolytes
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

+CALL TO WORSHIP Leader
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God. With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord

+INVOCATION Unison
In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 702
Sing with All the Saints in Glory

The Church in Moments of Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION Leader
Come to the Lord’s Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord’s Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord’s Table, be at peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Responsively
Let us confess our sins to God.

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.
Lord, help our unbelief.
We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.
Cleanse us, Lord.
We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.
We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth.

Ground us, Lord!
SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God!

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body.
Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!
And Also with you.

The Church Remembers and Is Grateful

READING OF MEMORIAL REGISTER
After the reading of each name, a bell will toll. Following the reading of the Memorial Register of First Church, names may be offered by the Church family. A bell will toll after every name.

Rich Boring	Wilda Clark	Dave Gandee
Edna Mick	Dorothy Short	Pauline Shreve

RESPONSE UMH 711
For All the Saints, vv. 1,2,4, and 6

The Church Responds with Gifts OFFERTORY INVITATION and PRAYER

OFFERTORY Dan Martin
*The Loose Change recipient for November is
Veteran’s Assistance, Crosslines*

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94
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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Church Listens for the Word +THE WORD Revelation 7:9-17

WIGGLETIME Open Our Eyes FWS 2086
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

SERMON Rev. M. Steven Meadows

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Remember, Remember Me

The Church Celebrates Holy Communion

COMMUNION PRAYER ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Celebrant Rev. Ronald M. McCauley
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to you, Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to praise you.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

**You were faithful.
We wandered from the way;
You called us to return, and led us home.**

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death. At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life. By your incarnation and life, your suffering, execution and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery, made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit, and promised to receive to yourself those you sanctified in the everlasting glory of new creation.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,
**"This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
"This cup poured out is the new covenant in my blood."
Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a

holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has come among us.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ abides with us.
Christ will come again.**
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts. Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.
Abba, Father!
Let your kingdom come! Glory to you!

Come, Lord Jesus!
Be our daily bread. Glory to you!
Holy, Blessed Trinity!
One God forever! Glory to you!

And as Jesus taught us, let us pray:
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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Unison*
Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Church Scatters to Share Good News
+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 709*
Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
+BENEDICTION
+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

**The Lamb will shepherd them
lead them to spring waters of Life**



**...and God will wipe every last tear
from their eyes**

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Where hearts, minds, and doors are open!
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