



*For
All the
Saints*

Truly I tell you, today you
will be with me in Paradise.

Luke 23:43

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

Prayer As You Enter: *Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise God, all people who are called to be saints. Sing a new song in the assembly of the faithful.

We will be glad in God our Maker. We will rejoice with music and dancing.

Listen here for God's Word of truth. Share with one another the gospel of salvation.

We are here to seek a better way of life. We have come to learn and to do what God intends.

Jesus invited saints and sinners to dine with him and to be his friends.

Therefore, Jesus invites us, saints and sinners, to this sacred meal, in which we can taste and see, experience and remember the goodness of our God.

Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy in silent prayer.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Almighty and Most Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory. We have broken your commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O Most Merciful Father, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins. Take away our guilt. And grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

God of all who are poor, hungry, and sad, whose compassion extends to those we perceive as enemies, set our minds and hearts on higher values than our own comfort and security, that we may be led to love and serve you with joy. May the way we live attract others to richness and empowerment known most fully in the community of faith when we truly become the body of Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniels' vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Be Forever Blessed”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION #1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I—body and soul, in life and in death—belong not to myself but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and completely freed me from the tyranny of the devil; who protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head, indeed that all things must fit together for my salvation. Therefore by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses.

Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

We remember with thanksgiving the following members(*), relatives, and friends who have entered the Church Triumphant since last November:

G. Joyce Becker*
November 13, 2021

Donald Huber*
November 16, 2021

Samuel Minder, Jr.*
December 2, 2021

Greg Wagner
Brother of Mike Wagner
December 17, 2021

Kenneth Geib*
December 20, 2021

Nancy Neiswender
Friend of Pastor Rankin
December 21, 2022

Gerald Brown
Brother-in-law of George &
Sandy DeLong
December 27, 2021

Nicole Lewis
Friend of Chuck & Sue Husted
December 28, 2021

Cathy Kreider
Mother of Matt Kreider
February 3, 2022

Lou Ann Himmelwright
Wife of Gary Himmelwright
February 9, 2022

Frances Hartman
Aunt-in-law of Doris Leaman
February 11, 2022

Joan Turns
Friend of Pat & Joan Sensenig
February 21, 2022

Eileen Haldeman
Cousin's wife of Doris Leaman
March 2, 2022

Donna Smoker
Friend of Trinity
March 12, 2022

Sandra Glatfelter
Friend of Chuck & Sue Husted
March 22, 2022

Paul Eric Zirkel
Son of Donna Zirkel
March 28, 2022

Mark Flickinger
Cousin of Pat & Joan
Sensenig
April 9, 2022

Leon Litzenberger
Uncle of Dina Slechta
May 10, 2022

Irene Sheaffer
Friend of Chuck & Sue Husted
April 26, 2022

John Zittel
Denise Pfeiffer brother's
father-in-law
April 26, 2022

Steve Gibble
Ex-husband of Marianne
Gibble
April 20, 2022

Elaine Sturgis
Friend of Chuck & Sue Husted
June 16, 2022

C. David Miller III
Husband of Cherie Cataldi-
Miller
June 20, 2022

Bill Wolfskill
Brother & Brother-in-law of
Betsy & John Bailey
July 4, 2022

Cynthia Crossland Campbell
High School friend of Doris
Leaman
July 8, 2022

Mary Flickinger
Aunt of Joan Sensenig
July 11, 2022

Herbert M. Charles, Jr.*
September 1, 2022

Daisy Oster
Sister-in-law of Doris Leaman
September 6, 2022

Jean Ziegler
Grandmother of Katie Weeber
September 10, 2022

Carole Connor*
September 23, 2022

Dr. Miles Harriger
Father of Dr. Janet Harriger
October 2, 2022

Cynthia Parrish
Friend of Chuck & Sue Husted
October 11, 2022

Charlie Smithgall
Friend of Nancy Crawford
(Pastor Chris' mother)
October 18, 2022

Carl Kedl
Former Trinity Member/
Neighbor of John & Sarah
Paulukow
October 19, 2022

THE UNISON PRAYER

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Blessed are these gifts when they bring hope to the poor, food to the hungry, and comfort to the sorrowful. May these gifts be blessed, O God, as they become blessings to a world in need. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and partnerships and equip us for unified witness and service in the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Save from trouble those who struggle with hunger, homelessness, or addiction. Strengthen the overworked and give hope to those who do not have enough work. Console those who are burdened by illness or grief. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal yourself to all who seek you. Empower the hospitality ministries of this congregation to welcome others to your feast of love. Foster generosity in our stewardship ministries to both our congregation and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Harry, Brenda, Gary, & RJ Himelwright in memory of Lou Ann Himelwright.

The Worship Aids are given by **Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman** in honor and recognition of all who send cards to honor birthdays, illness, and other occasions(especially all those who have been doing it for years without ceasing).

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky

Building Trustee: Pat Sensenig

Lector: Diane Rice

Altar Guild: Nancy Enders & Karen Olley

Koinonia: Diane Rice & Karen Olley

Attendance for Sun., Oct. 30th	7:45–21	9:30–67	TOTAL – 88
Sunday School Attendance	21		

Happy Birthday!

Today – Andrew Cooley

Tuesday – Joan Sensenig

Wednesday – Hans Slechta, Sevi Keares

Saturday – Dorothy Fasnacht

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells

Tuesday NO PRESCHOOL – Election Day

Wednesday 7:00 PM - Finance

Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Friday 10:30 AM – Pie Pickup

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday Harvest Home

7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship followed by Congregational Mtg.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Carl Kedl (friends of John & Sarah Paulukow), the family of Jon Ringer (friend of Pastor Chris), Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr), John Barr, Stan Seachrist, Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Marlin "Moe" Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Mike & Judy Barr (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER: The Stewardship Committee has been organizing speakers to offer a mission moment each month during worship about one of our mission partners we support through Our Gifts to Others and other stewardship concerns. Kristy Gizmot, Director of Development at Milagro House, will be here for both services on November 13 and during Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY—Nancy Enders & Paula Dennes

We will celebrate HARVEST HOME SUNDAY on November 13. We will collect canned goods for the Lancaster Food Hub. Please bring your donations to place in the Sanctuary during the service.



Currently, the Food Hub needs the following donations:

Boxes or bags of rice, instant potatoes, soups, stuffing, hamburger helper meals, canned meats, vegetables and fruits.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on November 13 after the 10:30 a.m. service. The Consistory is planning to have a luncheon prior to the meeting. The agenda will include the presentation and adoption of the 2023 budget, election of lay leaders, and recognition of 50 year members. **Copies of the budget are available on the table across from the church office.**

The following is the report of the nominating committee:

ELDERS (2022-2025)

Donna Denlinger (Extension of 1 year)

Sally Rodenberger (1st term)

DEACONS (2022-2025)

Rev. Bob Bistline (1st term)

Ron Denlinger (1st term)

PRESCHOOL BOARD (2022-2025)

Beth Bossert (1st term)

Karen Olley (2nd term)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, November 15th in the Choir Room from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

NEW MEMBERS: Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

PEANUT FELLOWSHIP has resumed from 7 AM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound. Please call Pat Seachrist (717-392-1427) to order peanuts. We need help with this project. Future dates for the Peanut Fellowship are: November 15 & 29. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are:

January 1, & 8. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 27, December 11 & 25.

NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR: Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL PIE SALE PICKUP: Friday, November 11 at 10:30 AM in the Social Hall.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on November 19 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

ADVENT WORKSHOP: November 26



We are coming up on preparing Trinity Church for the Advent season.

We are planning on doing indoor decorating and outside decorating and crafts for both kids & adults.

All help in making this happen is greatly appreciated as we decorate our church for the season. Call the church office at 717-569-1632, use the sign-up sheet in the church hallway. We will start with breakfast at 8:30 AM.

Schedule: 8:30 AM – Breakfast in Isenberg Hall

9:30 AM - Decorate the church

11:00 AM- Devotional Service in the sanctuary

Sign-up sheet in church hallway outside office.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 4

As in years past, we will share our blessings with others by bringing (unwrapped) Christmas gifts to the service. This is our special time of sharing our gifts with residents of Ephrata Manor and Bethany Home. The residents are very appreciative of our caring and both homes are requesting gift card suggestions to better meet needs and interests.

Ephrata Manor (United Church of Christ Home)requests:

Gift cards: Amazon, Dollar Tree, Michael's, Wal-Mart, VISA/MC, Giant Food Stores, Target, or CVS

Bethany Home requests:

Washi tape, canvas paper, Zippered Sheet Protectors, Rubber Stamps & ink pads, stencils, origami paper, letter & number stickers, lightweight twin size comforters

Gifts Cards: Lowes, Home Depot, Michaels, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, TJ Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods, Turkey Hill, Giants, McDonald's & Kohls.

Please include Trinity U.C.C Church and address and/or individual along with your card.

Gifts will be received at both services on December 4. The children will collect them during the 10:30 service. Thank You!

CROP WALK MONEY: Trinity has raised over \$6,000 for the CROP Walk and the Consistory has approved an additional \$5,000 from our Hunger Ministries Fund.

You can still support our walkers by giving them money or going online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-east-pete>



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Here is information about the various classes:

1. The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) & The Primary Children's Class (1st-6th grades) will meet in the lower classroom during November. They will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
2. The Middle/High School Class will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
3. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

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Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm

MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. In addition to local concerts, they tour every summer.

Caleb Kreider is a member of the Mennonite Children's Choir

U.C.C. MISSION MOMENT

November 6, 2022

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Hold on to Faith

It's been almost a week since we celebrated Halloween. You might know Halloween as a day for trick-or-treating, costumes and kids' parties. But did you know that it started as a holy day? In fact, the root word of Halloween (hallow) means holy. The ending of the word, "een" is short for "evening." Halloween is the eve of the Christian holiday of All Saints Day.

Traditionally, Halloween was the day to defy death, to shout to evil, "Our God is greater and we are not afraid of you!" Centuries ago, Celtic people gathered on this day around bonfires, wore costumes and enacted battles between forces of good and evil. Some of the rituals we still follow today, like scary costumes and jack-o-lanterns, continue that tradition.

All Saints Day, officially on November 1 but often celebrated in United Church of Christ congregations on the first Sunday in November, is a day to remember and honor saintly people in the past. On this day, we might recall those people in our congregation, family or wider church community who have had an impact on the world in God's name. The following day, November 2, is officially All Souls Day. On this day, we honor everyone who has passed away, especially those who lived ordinary lives which did not garner recognition like the Saints. Many churches combine All Saints and All Souls celebrations as a reminder that God welcomes all into the tender arms of love and mercy in the life that is to come.

However you celebrated this week, or continued in your worship today, this week is a powerful one that can in many ways mirror the entire Christian journey. Beginning with the ancient rituals of Halloween, you have had the chance to look death in the face and proclaim that you are not afraid, because you know that the eternal life God promises is stronger than death. Then, on all Saints Day, you recognize the power of those whose connection to God is especially visible. Finally, on All Souls Day, you celebrate a God whose love encompasses all, now and into eternity. Thanks be to God!

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Person(s) ordering Poinsettia(s)

Please order: _____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$5.50 each Total amount due \$_____

Designation as you would like to have it appear in the bulletin.

Example:

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member Yes No

The last date to order is November 20, 2022. Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in the offering in envelope marked Poinsettia or give to church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ and mark Poinsettia in memo line. Thank you.

FIRST LESSON. Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL. Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.