

November 5, 2017 11:15 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday

Gathering Songs #730 #820

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
"Nothing Can Trouble"

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us, touch us with a sense of wonder.

Song #53

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
open our eyes to the wonders of your creation,
as we strive for a deeper connection with you.
Many distractions seek to divert our attention
from your radiance that surrounds us.
Help us to notice your mercies that are hidden in plain sight
and the opportunities to love that appear each day.
You have given us the breath of life and shown us how to live.
We pray that we may embrace your gift
and live our lives to the fullest —
not some day, but this day.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 6:1-6

Kelly McCulloch, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?"

Greg Jones

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Song #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Communion of the People

Invitation

According to the standards of our culture, this is not an elaborate feast.

It is not how the world teaches us to eat, drink and be merry.

Yet this meal is the ultimate celebration because at this table we receive food for our souls.

Let us feast on the food of heaven that unites us with God and one another.

Song #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

The 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 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, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.
If you are unable to come forward, please tell a host so that you may be served.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

After you receive communion, we invite you to light a candle in memory of the saints you hold in your heart today. There is an abundance of candles, so please feel free to light more than one.

Prayer Following Communion

Song #731 "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

Verses 1 and 4

Sending

"Soon and Very Soon"

Song #384

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

In Memoriam

On this day we remember those who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year.

Included are the names of members and others whose names were
requested to be remembered by their families.

Vern Albright
Janet Atkins
Bob Blickenstaff
John Christie, Jr.
Nonie Church
Bob Churchill

Ethel Schmitt Clark

Jim Clark Brendan Cobb Patricia McGee Cullen

David Curry
Mark Delmerico
Helen Dennison
Humphrey Fedorak
Jenna Fox Devonshire

Joyce Franks Lucille Greth Audrey Hatfield Nancy Henderer Jamie Hood Harry Hoopes

Judy Hoopes Fred Johnston, Jr. John Koston Marsha Koston Milmo Laman Edie Lennox

Amy Lewandowski
Marilyn Lockfeld
Helen Mahaffy
Pauline Mason
Ross Micheals
Alan Moore
Louzetta Morris
Robert Morrow
Blair Nowland
Georges Pamm
Anne Rundquist
Theodore Smeal
Mike Sprague
Tom Stout
Katherine Theo

Albert Tigani, Sr. Tone Truitt

Charles Uhlinger Vera Walker

SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

The Golden Age of the church has passed. Or has it? The church will never regain its place of importance. Or will it? The Christian Church in the West has been on a downward slide for decades. Belief in God remains high among Americans, but church membership is on the decline. Is this the long, slow death of Christianity, or is it the long, slow death of the church as we know it today? Are we living in the final days of the church or could this be the beginning of the reformation of the church?

On seven Sundays this fall, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is absolutely crucial to the state of the world.

October 8	The Church Plays a Critical Role in Society	November 19	Serving the World, Finding Our Soul
October 15	Where Community is Built	December 3	A Prophetic Voice
November 5	Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?	December 10	Where We Find Hope
November 12	Shaping Character		

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matthew Hammond Mah (11/10/1980-05/08/2016), the son of Marsha and Dennie Mah.

Please remember in your prayers Sally Buttner.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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