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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 1, 2026
Sunday Gathering
All Saints Day

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-PRELUDE-

"Christ, Be Our Light" - arr. M. Hayes
Brenda Gardiner

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-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.

We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.

We acknowledge the women who've faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages, and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who've been mistreated and misunderstood.

We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE,
AND WE KNOW THAT IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD;
THERE ARE SWEET EXPRESSIONS ON EACH FACE,
AND WE KNOW THEY FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

SWEET HOLY SPIRIT,
SWEET HEAVENLY DOVE,
STAY RIGHT HERE WITH US,
FILLING US WITH YOUR LOVE;
AND FOR THESE BLESSINGS
WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAISE.
WITHOUT A DOUBT WE'LL KNOW
THAT WE HAVE BEEN REVIVED
WHEN WE SHALL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

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-WELCOME & GREETING-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Come, a great cloud of witnesses
surrounds us as we gather.
MAY THE LINGERING ECHO OF SAINTS
RESOUND IN OUR SONGS.

May their stories open a space
for the Spirit to enter us anew.
IN REMEMBERING THEM,
MAY WE FIND OURSELVES RE-MEMBERED.

May the God of every generation
form us anew for this generation.
AND MAY A NEW JOY RISE IN OUR LIVES
AND IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

“For All the Saints”

FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST,
WHO TO THE WORLD THEIR STEADFAST LOVE CONFESSED,
YOUR NAME, O JESUS, BE FOREVER BLESSED.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

YOU WERE THEIR ROCK, THEIR REFUGE, AND THEIR MIGHT:
YOU, CHRIST, THE HOPE THAT PUT THEIR FEARS TO FLIGHT;

‘MID GLOOM AND DOUBT, YOU WERE THE SHINING LIGHT.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

STILL MAY YOUR PEOPLE, FAITHFUL, TRUE, AND BOLD,
LIVE AS THE SAINTS WHO NOBLY FOUGHT OF OLD,
AND SHARE WITH THEM A GLORIOUS CROWN OF GOLD.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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-SCRIPTURE-

Hebrews 12:1, 2a (CEB)

So then, with endurance, let’s also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let’s throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith’s pioneer and perfecter.

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-THE MESSAGE-

“*Saintly”*

Kenny Bishop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

“Imagine the People of God”

IMAGINE, IMAGINE THE PEOPLE OF GOD,
IMAGINE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.
CARING, SHARING GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD,
IMAGINE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.
SEEING THE GOOD IN EVERYTHING,
IMAGINE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

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-HONORING OUR SAINTS & COMMUNION-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-OFFERING-

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"*Blessed Are They"*

BLEST ARE THEY, THE POOR IN SPIRIT;
THEIRS IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.
BLEST ARE THEY, FULL OF SORROW;
THEY SHALL BE CONSOLED.

BLEST ARE THEY, THE LOWLY ONES;
THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.
BLEST ARE THEY, WHO HUNGER AND THIRST;
THEY SHALL HAVE THEIR FILL.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!
BLESSED ARE THEY.
HOLY ARE THEY.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD!
THEIR'S IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.

BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SHOW MERCY;
MERCY SHALL BE THEIRS.
BLEST ARE THEY, THE PURE OF HEART;
THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SEEK PEACE;
THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.
BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SUFFER IN FAITH;
THE GLORY OF GOD IS THEIRS.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!
BLESSED ARE YOU.
HOLY ARE YOU.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD!
YOURS IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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