

St. John's United Church of Christ

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WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.

WORSHIP: When reading this bulletin Leader Speaks Plain Font, Everyone Speak Bold Font

Announcements

Nursery: There is no nursery attendant today so everyone is able to participate in Communion. Kids are welcome to quietly play in the back of the sanctuary or have their adult join them in the nursery.

The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm.



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

bless others. Amen.

Hymn #299 "For all the Saints" (Verse 1, 2, 4 and 5)

Benediction

All Saints Day Service Prayers were written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ.

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- ✚ **Fellowship Meal** November 9th after worship. Sign up to bring a dish in the Narthex.
- ✚ **Chair and Mat Yoga** with Katherine Ray November 1st. Chair yoga at 10 AM and mat yoga at 11:30 AM. No RSVP required, classes are \$5 a piece per person.
- ✚ **November 23rd Decorate for Advent** we are looking for a creative contact person to plan the decor and organize the volunteers after worship.
- ✚ **Coffee Hour** was hosted by Paul and Betsy Mollway today. Thank You! We will be gathering every first Sunday at 9:30am for this fellowship. You can sign up to host in the Narthex.
- ✚ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6pm.
- ✚ **Blessing Box** non-perishable are welcome.
- ✚ **Share Table** please place perishable items here. We will be shutting it down this month in preparation for snow.
- ✚ **Paper Angel Closet** needs toilet paper, paper towels, women's deodorant, bleach, shampoo, and dish soap.
- ✚ **Menards Ministry:** If you have unused Menards rebates, or even receipts. We use these rebates for projects around the church.

Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

Gloria Patri

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



General Giving

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon "Blessings of the Saints"

Service of Communion

Blessing and Sharing the Elements

All are invited to participate in this Holy symbol of Communion. You are invited to eat the as a sign of your own personal faith and hold the cup to drink together as a sign of our communion faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Moment for Mission~ Remedies

Doxology

**Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover You. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may

Prelude

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Choral Introit "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

Responsive Welcome Statement

At St. John's United Church of Christ, we are Living Outwardly & Valuing Everyone!

We live and work amid God's love!

In that spirit, we extend love to all who come into our midst, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, nationality, skin color, culture, differing abilities, age or political affiliations, to participate fully in all aspects of church.

Our ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all.

We work in God's name to tear down walls and build community,

to walk with each other through all of life's circumstances,

to provide for those in need,

to offer comfort to the hurting and the sick,
and to uplift the brokenhearted.

Where we fail, we ask for God's forgiveness.

May the Holy Spirit and our siblings continue to challenge us to do better.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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 remembered.

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.

Invocation

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn #403 "My Hope is Built"**Nicene Creed****#883****All Saints Day Remembrance**

This time is set aside for people to share their item of remembrance to place on the altar.

TOTENFEST**Reading of the Names**

We remember those who have died. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

Jean Thornberry

Charlene Painter

Judy Miller

Remembering Years Past

Steve Greef

As the chime fades you are invited to lift names aloud of those you wish to remember today. And we remember all those who have gone before us. (bell tolls)

Pastoral Prayer~ The Lord's Prayer**Hymn #295 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"****Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Loving God, Grant me grace to release everything too much or too little into your transforming fire of refinement. Sear in me the strength of your saints – generous and gentle, focused and fierce – just enough to answer every devilish temptation distracting or denying Your Holy hope for my re-formation. Yes, Love, form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness that dares me to choose anything less than You. Release me from the burdens and brokenness of my own making, that I may be readied to meet You in every ordinary saint whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen.

Words of Grace

Hear the good news! Jesus tells us that the Holy One is a God of grand reversals. Weeping turns to rejoicing, hunger is answered with fullness, honesty of heart is answered with grace upon grace. Every energy that diminishes is interrupted with a newness of life made possible by the One who is always searching us out with forgiving love. In Jesus, God revealed that grace and forgiveness has already arrived, and it includes you and me. It is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. The saints knew it and now you do, too.