



Fall Clean Up
Saturday, November 14th

All members welcome

- Come for one or both fellowship opportunities
- Outdoors; masks and social distancing required

Fall Clean-Up – 9am to noon

- Many hands make light work
- Youth earn community service hours for school

Fall Harvest Celebration – 12-1pm

- Bring donations for Woodbury Foodbank
- Pastor John will preside over a brief service of Thanksgiving
- Donations may also be brought on Sunday

Fall Harvest Celebration

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 1, 2020

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT 06798
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Woodbury United Methodist Church

November 1, 2010
All Saints Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Blessed Peace* Brahms
Christopher Shay, organist

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.

Amen.

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.

Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints* How/Williams
Hymns sung by Vinita Chapman

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Rynn Naylor, Liturgist
from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME Recognition of 2020-2021 Confirmation Class

Confrimands: Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova,
James Levario, Matthew Shupenis

Co-Teachers: Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason

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Rev. John Thomason, Pastor

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Chris Shay, Director of Music

Kathy Craig, Office Administrator

Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of November 1, 2020

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is All Saints Sunday on the Christian calendar. All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the "saints," reflecting the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We will celebrate the communion of the saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and our own local congregation. The names of church members who have died during the past year (as well as other deceased loved ones) will be solemnly read during the Great Thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Table is open to all who seek to follow Christ, regardless of age or denominational background. An offering plate is located on the left side of the chancel for donations to the church's benevolence fund.

Please note: WUMC's worship services are streamed live on Facebook. To watch recordings of previous services, go to www.woodburyumc.net and click on the Facebook icon.

Altar flowers are given this week by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved friend, *Bill Chamberlain*."

Church members who have died in the previous year

Ernest Corrao, Paul Hennessey, Betsy Love, Donald Murray

Other loved ones

Joseph Calabrese, Richard D. Craig, Jim Cullen, Dominique D'Alessio, Ralph Boyd DeCristoforo, Ann (Ritucci) Dorso, David Johnson, Jane Keene, Robert McMann, Ozzie Rapin, Marie Petty, Laura Stasaitis, William Allen White

Renew our communion also with other departed saints whom we name before you in our hearts. . .

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison) from *At the Lord's Table*

Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* Seiss/Willis

*BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

*POSTLUDE *Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God* J. S. Bach

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rynn Naylor

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Rynn Naylor

Lessons for All Saints Day
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)
The Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 (NRSV)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Blest Are They* David Haas

SERMON *What We Will Be Has Not Yet Been Revealed* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace with servants among us and saints above us, united in the joy of Christ our Hope.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors. We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom. Free us from the legacy of their sins.

Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendants. Our greed has threatened their well-being, and our discord has damaged their peace.

Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (silent)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The saying is true for all generations: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Taste and See* James E. Moore

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name now before you. . .