

**LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
October 31, 2021 All Saints Sunday  
Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Territory Acknowledgment**

**\*Call to Community** (based on Hebrews 12:1, adapted from Desperate Preachers website)

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,  
And are reminded of his words,  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,  
young and old,  
dead and living,  
articulate and silent,  
strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us faith and love and hope.

***Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...  
let us worship God with joy!***

**\*Gathering Song:** 705 Voices United, *For All the Saints* (verses 1, 4 and 5)

**\*Opening Prayer:** (from Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A, published by WoodLake Publishing.)

In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Strong in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours and  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Contemporary Reading** – “Do It Anyway” by St Theresa of Calcutta

**\*Hymn:** 559 Voices United, *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

**Prayer for Illumination** (modified from Sheryl Spencer, *Gathering, A/C/E 2017-8*, p44, used with permission)

God of long ago, God of present day,  
God in whom the future lies:  
**We come seeking a word for the day,  
A light for our way.**  
In the ancient words of scripture,  
We hear you, the word of life.  
**Fill us with your word.  
Illuminate us, and guide us on our journey,  
so that we can become the people  
we are called to be. Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons :** Ephesians 1: 1-12

**Music for Reflection:** *Thank You*

**Reflection:** All Saints and Our Saints

**\*Hymn:** 710 Voices United, *Shall We Gather at the River*

**Our Offerings are Blessed & Offering Music:** 182 More Voices, *Grateful* (Refrain, X2)

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** *When the Saints Go Marching In*

**\*Benediction**

**Benediction Response:** *Lord, Send Out Your Spirit*

**Postlude**