All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.
Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.
Hymnals: UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green
Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

WE GATHER

Our altar this morning has four candles representing our five church members from our two churches who passed away this past year.

PRELUDE *I Can Only Imagine* Millard
Denise Furda & Russell Sottile

As you settle into the sanctuary, please open your phone and share the live service from your Facebook page as a way of inviting the larger community and friends to worship.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Shall We Gather at the River UMH 723, v.1&2

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain: **Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.**
Refrain

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Today we fall back--
not just our clocks to usher in the darker days of winter.
We also fall back upon our memories of loved ones gone from this realm.
We fall back upon the emptiness that we still sometimes feel at their absence.
We fall back upon our gratefulness that such a cloud of witnesses paved the way for us.
We fall back upon our faith that just as the Holy walked with them, so too the Holy walks with us.
And today let us also fall back into the arms of loved ones still with us.
And remember to say how much they mean to us.
And today in this time of worship, let us also fall back into the ever-present arms of God and remember to say,
"thank you, thank you, thank you."

*HYMN OF PRAISE *For All the Saints* UMH 711, vs, 1, 2, 4

*MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who is known to our mothers and fathers, our family ancestors and our spiritual forebears; today we fall back on our memories of them all. We offer thanks for those saints who have guided and helped inspire our lives. Hold us and comfort us as we continue to mourn the passing of friends and family. When we find ourselves lost in grief, strengthen us to find hope and faith in your saving love.

Lord, we thank you for your patience in our journey through life and death. We thank you for your comforting presence, your Word of direction, and your teaching example; yet we are often slow to hear, reluctant to learn, and sluggish in our efforts. We repent this lack of faith and love which has so healed and uplifted your saints. Deal mercifully with us and empower our renewed good intentions that we may one day join with the great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do, Lord, Remember Me

**Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me;
do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me;
do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me.
Way beyond the blue
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.
Way beyond the blue**

*CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY OF SAINTS HERE AMONG US…

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,
"Peace be with you." Please respond by saying, **"And also with you."**

ANTHEM *Bound for the Promised Land* Larson
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Pew Bible OT 191
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

HYMN OF RESPONSE *We'll Understand It Better By and By* UMH 525

SERMON *Day 31* Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

NAMING THOSE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2025…

(As names are read, family members may come forward to light a candle.)
Robin Nacarlo, Clifford Miller, Jean Gillette, Jackie Gilman, Laura Kale

NAMING THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY…

(As names are read, family members may come forward to light a candle.)
Maurice Buki, Randy Cross, Audrey O'Niell, Joan Kahermanes

NAMING OF FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED FROM OUR LIVES…

(Members of the congregation are invited to come forward, share a name, and light a candle in their memory.)

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 474, vs. 1 & 3
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together. **Their memory is a blessing forever.**
Months or years may have passed, and still, we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love cannot break.
Their souls are bound with ours forever.
We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names. **Their memory is a blessing forever.**
And we remember as well the members who but yesterday, were a part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.
Their souls are bound with ours forever.
We give thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses they surround us with their blessings.
They are alive forevermore. Amen.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Memorial gifts have been given in loving memory of:
Robin Nacarlo, Laura Kale, Cliff Miller, & Jean Gillette

Congregational Response: **We accept these gifts as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently and joyfully in honor of the faithful and devoted lives of our brothers and sisters in whose memory and honor they are given.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TFWS 2257

May the God of all saints be with you.
May God bless you as well.
Children of God, offer your hearts to the One who loves you.
We will empty ourselves so we can be filled with grace.
People of God, sing your praises to the One who blesses you.
We will offer the new songs taught to all creation.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Sanctus* TFWS 2257-b
CONSECRATION *Memorial Acclamation* TFWS 2257-c
BLESSING *Amen* TFWS 2257-d
LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

The invitation to share God's covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. Come and be filled with the body and blood of Christ, knowing you are beloved and rooted in that love as you go forth to love all God's children. We will serve by **intinction.** You are invited to come by the center aisle, receive a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You are invited to reflect in song as all are being served. **There is gluten free bread and juice available, please let us know as you arrive.** The chancel rail is always available if you would like to pause for prayer.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

I'll Fly Away TFWS 2282
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot UMH 703
Just a Closer Walk with Thee TFWS 2158

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS UMH 701, vs.3
When We All Get to Heaven

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As God's saints in this time and place, we now go forth to feed others from the abundance of which we have just been fed. To wipe away the tears of those in grief and anguish with the grace we have just experienced. May these gifts we offer, and the lives we lead, reveal the One who invites us to spread love over all the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Oh, when the saints go marching in; oh, when the saints go marching in
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
Oh when the trumpet sounds its call…

Oh, on that Hallelujah Day…

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in; oh, when the saints go marching in
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when they gather round the throne…

Oh, when the saints go marching in...

*POSTLUDE *Well Done* Ingram, Havens, & Fuqua

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.
Adult School is offered in FUMCO's Wesley Hall at 11:30 a.m.,
located on the lower level of the building

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Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service Begins.

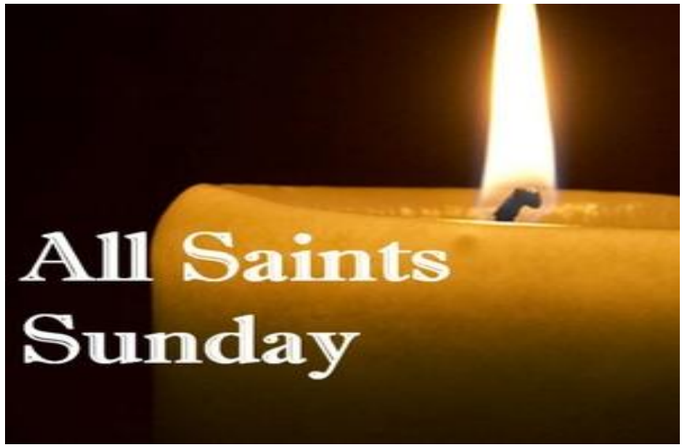
ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of Richard A. Beckmann by Peggy Ann.
Given in loving memory of Tom Maher & Bob More by Diane & Joy.

Thank you, David Furda & Russell Sottile, for sharing in today's service

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining us, where we help one another grow in faith, love, and service.



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