



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, November 1, 2020      All Saints Sunday  
10 a.m. SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Wanda Mitchell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please stand with heart or posture.*

Come, let us gather together all those who place their faith in the Lord.

**Does the Lord know each of us and are we welcome in God's presence?**

Be assured the Lord knows each of us and who we all are.

**God knows the rich and the poor, the mighty and the meek?**

In God's eye we are all beloved children in God's eternal family.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Marching to Zion"

**PRAYER FOR FAITH: O God, in Your wisdom You have granted us the privilege of being part of Your Eternal Church. Touch our hearts, Lord; let us stand with pride beside the Saints from across the ages. In Christ we pray, Amen**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast to the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him and be radiant; so, your faces shall never be ashamed.

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This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.  
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

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 worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessings 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 water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12 *The Beatitudes*

When Jesus saw crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Blest Are They"

HOMILY: "How Deep is Your Love?" Pastor Ron Dodson

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**  
**THE LORD'S TABLE**

COMMUNION HYMN: "He Came Down"

INVITATION

L: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**ALL: Glory to God. Amen.**

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP: The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also, with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: 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.**

L: 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.

**ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: 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. 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 is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

The righteous live forever; their reward is with the Lord. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, but they are at peace. For though in our sight they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

We acknowledge departed members and loved ones: Lou Collins and George Loncar.

### **WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

#### PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

### **WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

#### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O God, we do present these offerings in order to proclaim our own righteousness, but as symbols of our love for you and your Church. Bless them we pray, and may they be as loving arms reaching out to show our love for your needy children. Amen

\*THE DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

#### REMINDERS:

- CAT Pop-Up Clothing Sale, Saturday November 7 from 9 a.m. – 12n; volunteers needed, see Tisha for details.
- Church Conference, Saturday November 7 at 3 p.m. via Zoom; registration required. See Judy if you need help registering.
- Church Council Meeting, Sunday November 8 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

#### BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: "How Great is Our God"

*Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished, then exit through the single door to the parking lot.*

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**Scripture Lessons for November 8, 2020**

- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
- Psalm 78:1-7
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

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