

All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

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PRELUDE

Holly Pisors

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 25:6-9 NRSV adapted

⁶On the mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

Will this be the Lord's Supper? Will this feast be the heavenly banquet?

Yes! Both and more! God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

This is the Lord our God for whom we have waited so that so that he might save us.

Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME *"All Saints Day and the Feast"*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-44 NRSV Selected verses

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

*“God Made Known in Jesus Christ
Expresses Compassion for All Who Grieve”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS****PRAYER OF DEDICATION****THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION****REMEMBERING THE SAINTS¹****INVITATION****PRAYER**

God is in this place.

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Jesus grieves with us; Jesus weeps with us.

God embraces us with comfort; God wipes away our tears. *(Pastor continues prayer)*

REMEMBERING

We remember those who have died in the past year.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember:

We invite families to come forward as their loved one is named, light a candle and offer a sentence or two of remembrance.

Tom Wallace

Mary White

Virginia Gehrt

Ruth Van Gorden

Hubert “Snick” Quicker

Ann Schoengarth

Jim Filitz

Natalie Hauge

Irma Rizner

And we remember all those who have gone before us.

We invite those who would like to name loved ones they grieve to light a candle. Please maintain social distance between one another unless you are of one household/family.

HYMN #299 “For All the Saints” by Wm. W. Howe

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
‘mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died expressing love for all.

Christ is risen raising all to new life.

Christ will come again renewing all creation.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT****PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE FEAST - SHARING THE ELEMENTS**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****HYMN #473 “Blessed Assurance”**

by Phoebe Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

**THE BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Holly Pisors

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Saturday, November 13th, 9-1

Announcements

WELCOME - We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio.

We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

We would like to thank Phil & Donita Follen for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in appreciation of the church family

Monday, November 8th, 9 am – Card Making group meeting

**Tuesday, November 9th, 2 pm Bible Study
5 pm Deacons Meeting**

**Thursday, November 11th, 1:30 pm
Circle of Friends Meeting
Happy Veteran's Day !**

CHOIR – will begin practice for the Christmas Season the second week of November.

We are asking those who live to sing to please call Corrine Armitage (715-743-4747) or just let the church office know & she will contact you. We are looking forward to having our members back to SING & PRAISE HIS NAME.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to our 57th Holiday Fair –

**Gift Boutique, Greeting Cards, Kitchen Cupboard & New to You Treasures
Lunch from 11-1,
Carry outs only - call 715-743-2147
chicken salad on a croissant,
baked potato soup & dessert
Adults - \$7, Kids under 10 - \$5**

MASKS REQUIRED



We highly recommend everyone attending services to wear a mask and practice social distancing.