

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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November 2, 2008 – 10:15 am
All Saints' Sunday

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude

"For All the Saints" R. Vaughan Williams/Krapf
"Chorus of the Happy Spirits" Gluck

(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

Greeting and Welcome

***Opening Hymn**

"For All the Saints" Red hymnal, 711

Unison Prayer

Kind and gracious God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations to come. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation.

Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying

Call to Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, ***"O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer."***)

Silent Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

Remembering the Saints

Naming the Honored Dead

Velma L. Crowe

(The congregation may name others they wish to remember and honor as the microphone is passed through each section.)

The Tolling of the Bells

Anthem

"Think on Me" – Arr. J. Mulholland

Chancel Choir

(This text and music were written by the adored Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1587) shortly before she was ordered beheaded by her cousin Queen Elizabeth. Knowing that the people would be devastated by her death, Mary bravely had this message smuggled out of her prison cell to help comfort those who loved her, quell their anger, and ease their pain. May the thoughts of our loved ones make us stronger.)

"When I no more behold thee, think on me,
by all thine eyes have told me, think on me.
When hearts are lightest, when eyes are brightest,
when griefs are slightest, think on me.
Think, oh think on me; think, think on me.

In all thine hours of gladness, think on me,
If e'er I soothed thy sadness, think on me.
When foes are by thee, when woes are nigh thee,
when friends all fly thee, think on me.
Think, oh think on me; think, think on me.

When thou hast none to cheer thee, think on me,
When no fond heart is near thee, think on me.
When lonely, sighing o'er pleasure flying,
when hope is dying, think on me.
Think, oh think on me; think, think, on me."

Listening to the Word

The Christian Scriptures	Hebrews 11:13-16, 32-40	Pew Bible, 225
Scripture Song	<i>"Sanctuary"</i>	Black hymnal, 2164
Sermon	<i>"Remembering the Saints"</i>	Dick Clark
Sermon Response	<i>"Sanctuary"</i>	Black hymnal, 2164

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Acknowledgement and Dedication of Memorial Gifts

Sofa, two stuffed chairs, oval table, end tables, Tatiana Jackson painting, Richard Thomas print, "Bosom of the Lord", Tree of Life banner (south entrance), P. Buckley Moss prints: "Within My Soul" and "Omniscient (Last Supper)" (office).

Offertory Sentence

"Despite its title (All Saints' Day), the day is theocentric (God centered), not anthropocentric (man centered), not so much about extraordinary people as about God's extraordinary life in ordinary people. I am reminded of the story about a child who worshipped weekly surrounded by stained glass window portraits of saints. When asked in a children's sermon what a saint was, the child responded, 'Someone who lets the light shine through.'"

Offertory "Litany for the Feast of All Saints" Schubert

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405

*Prayer of Dedication

Conscious that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we want to give ourselves to you, as they did, O God, so that our lives may make a difference for the earth's people whom you love, and for those yet to be born. So use us and our gifts, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's Table. We are all invited without exception because Jesus, our Lord, invites us all without exception. The Spirit calls us to gather, to come to this place and meet the Living Jesus. Come with open hands and open hearts. Come now and take your place at this table where Jesus is Host.

The Great Thanksgiving Red hymnal, 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Everyone is invited to come forward, receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Please bring a Communion offering for our St. Tims Hunger Fund, which helps provide food, utilities, and rent for needy families.)

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Going Forth

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| *Closing Song | <i>"For All the Saints"</i> | Black hymnal, 2283 |
| *Blessing | | |
| *Blessing Response | <i>"Sanctuary"</i> | Black hymnal, 2164 |
| *Postlude | <i>"In Peace and Joy I Go My Way"</i> | Bach |

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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