

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the All-Saints Sunday**

Nov. 5, 2023

Pre-Service Music:

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Introit #509: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* vs. 1 Choir

Call to Worship

Blessing and glory and wisdom to our God! **Amen!**

Thanksgiving and honor to our God! **Amen!**

All power and might to our God forever and ever! **Amen and amen!**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #326: *For All the Saints* verse 1, 2, 3, 5 (please stand)

Call to Confession

It is hard to believe that a day will come when there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more tears or death.

As we remember our loved ones, we cannot help but doubt.

God is big enough to handle that doubt, so let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them, singing your praises in the great multitude.

Declaration of Pardon

See what love our Creator has given us.

We are children of God. Our heavenly Parent loves us, forgives us, and is with us through every trial.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory Be to the Father #581:

Recognition of Members who have died since All Saint's Day

Frank Jessop

Agnes Lee

Carlene May

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem:

Remember Me

R. Kevin Boesinger

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

Offering #711:

Lord of All Good

vs. 1 and 3

Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 34: 1 – 10, 22

New Testament Lesson: Revelations 7: 9 – 17

Epistle Lesson: Romans 7: 15 – 25a

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Spiritual Check – Up* Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Communion Anthem *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south, from east and west,
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin. We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**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!**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising
you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us pray:

**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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.
Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

Sending Hymn #697: *Take My Life and Let it Be* vs. 1,3,4,6

Benediction:

(remain standing)

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthen us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

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