

All Saints Sunday October 27th, 2024

Congregational responses are in **bold** (*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Grateful" (*refrain only*) **MV#182**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement/ Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Here, now, in this time of worship,

All: we gather with our saints.

One: Those who cared for us,

All: and those who loved us.

One: Those who sheltered us,

All: and those who held us.

One: Those who taught us,

All: and those who showed us God's light.

One: Today we remember and gather with our saints,

All: who welcome us and join us in worship.

***Hymn:** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" **VU#703**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, we praise You for taking us, imperfect ordinary people, and enfolding us with Your love. Through Your Spirit, we are then invited to reflect that love back into the world. Be with us in this time of worship as we give thanks for Your saints of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, who have been for us Your love embodied. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Where Two or Three..." X 3 **MV#14**

Calling our Saints:

One: Creator God who loved us to life,

All: come and surround us, come and surround us.

One: Jesus the Christ who walks besides us,

All: come and surround us, come and surround us.

One: Spirit of Wisdom who holds us and guides us,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.

One: William Mah of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Tara Arnold of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Betsy Innes of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Greg Lawlor of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Joe Robinson of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Merlin Mullin of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Doris Seaman of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Betty Hudson of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Murray Ross of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Marjorie McCabe of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Jean Dutcher of God,
All: come and surround us, come and surround us.
(Lighting of the candle)

All: Come and surround us, Great God of all time. Surround us with friends, surround us with saints, enfold us in clouds of witnesses great, in prayer let us join with those beyond time, who stand by us now surrounded in light, to offer this prayer which is their delight:

Lord's Prayer

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for Your Light that shines for all to see. Thank you that it shines in people, just like me. Help us to share our gifts, those both big and small, so that Your Love might be shared and spread, known by one and all. Amen.

***Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV#145**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination: Reader: Caroline

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: Revelation 21: 1-6a Gospel: John 11: 32-44

Response:

One: This is God's Living Word,

All: spoken for, and through us. Amen.

Sermon "Thin Place"

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU#333**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we experience freedom in sharing our abundance. Along with the offering of our hearts this day, receive also our gratitude for Your saints both pasted and present. Following in their example, may we be empowered to share Your Love and to be Your Light here in this world. Bless these gifts and use them to bless others. In the name of Your Son Jesus, who walks beside in each step of the journey, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Wherever You May Go"

MV#21

Commissioning (*unison*):

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "May the Blessing of God..."

VU#429

Postlude

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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Gerry Christie by Jack, Kim and Kevin.

Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Oct 27 Marlene & John	Nov 3 Sue R. & John
Screens: Oct 27 Erik	Nov 3 Tracy Nov 10 Kevin

Tues	9:30am	Halloween Muffin Party	Church Hall
Wed	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Sat	8-11:30am	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

Announcements:

Hallowe'en Coffee and Muffin Party: Tuesday, October 29th at 9:30am to 11:30am. Free will offering. Craft and Bake table as well.

Pancake Breakfast: Sat, Nov 2nd @ 8am-11:30am! \$10 per person. Includes: REAL maples syrup, eggs, sausages, toast, juice, tea or coffee plus our famous smiley face pancakes. Would you like to donate to this fundraiser? Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.

Choir Loft Flooring Replacement: Would you like to make a donation to help offset this expense? Please mark your donation "flooring".

Oct 15 Council Meeting Highlights: BUSINESS ARISING FROM

MINUTES: 2023 Year End Financial Statements and the 2024 budget

will be presented at the Nov council meeting. **Church Hall Speakers:**

Will be installed soon. **Chair of Council:** Discussion on urgency of having a council chair. B.6.1.2. of the UCC Manual was shared "The chair is responsible for a) chairing all meetings of the congregation or pastoral charge except for meetings called by the regional council; If the regional council calls a meeting of the congregation or pastoral charge, the regional council decides who will chair the meeting. It may be the chair of the annual meeting or some other person. b) taking votes and announcing the results; and c) voting only if there is a tie."

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you card from Rev. Steve Berube for funeral service coverage in Aug. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Finances

continue in downward trend overall. Positive - Sept offerings were higher than 2023. Rentals are helping. Cumulative loss is less than 2023, but spending is more than we're generating. In Sept the approved \$25,000 plus donated shares were transferred to the operating fund.

VISIONING: Simplified Governance: will explore options. **Reducing**

Carbon Emissions: Need person to take lead on "reducing and reusing". Suggestion for bin for plastic bottles/cans. **Diversity:**

Education on diversity is critical and educational webinars available. We must ensure newcomers are both valued and welcomed. Diversity added to all Visioning meeting agendas. Education pieces will be incorporated into services. **Kindred Works:** small group met recently with consultant

to discuss after school project and received some new perspectives for rentals. Application made to the Planning Advisory Committee for an

exception to allow a small afterschool program to be run. **100th**

Anniversary: More use of UCC resources and continued sharing of info in weekly email. **Website:** Still needs to be updated. **Flooring**

replacement for choir loft: Moved that the carpet be removed and replaced with vinyl flooring by Fabulous Flooring for \$3200. **Motion**

Carried. UCW quilt raffle: Moved to allow UCW to hold a quilt raffle.

Motion Carried. Scouts- Pie Making Request: requested permission to use the church hall and kitchen on November 22 and 23rd Request

approved. **Membership Transfer:** Moved to accept Trudy Steeves request of membership transfer. **Motion Carried.**