



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 10/30/2022, Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ:

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #299 "For All the Saints"

***Invocation** (Unison)

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Honoring the Saints

Listening To the Sacred Text: Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSV)

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting:

“Generativity”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal #448 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life** (Unison)

Loving God, Grant me grace to release everything too much or too little into your transforming fire of refinement. Sear in me the strength of your saints - generous and gentle, focused and fierce - just enough to answer every devilish temptation distracting or denying Your Holy hope for my re-formation. Yes, Love, form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness that dares me to choose anything less than You. Release me from the burdens and brokenness of my own making, that I may be readied to meet You in every ordinary saint whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: “Deep River with Shall We Gather at the River” Lowry arr. Larson

Offering our gifts and our prayers

***Doxology** (Tune: *All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Song:** Black Hymnal #283 “Spirit (Mercy, Kindness, Spirit) of the Living God” (4x)

***Benediction**

Postlude:

*** Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.**

Leading In Today’s Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Warinda Harris, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

All Saints Day Service Prayers were written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ.