



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“All Saints Day”  
22nd Sunday After Pentecost  
Nov 1, 2020  
10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship  
and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

***Our Church’s Mission Statement***

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## Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text.*

### MOMENT FOR CENTERING

#### GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

#### INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BELLS/CHIMES

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come today, full of memories.

**Many: We come, knowing that this is a safe place to share them.**

One: Come today, bearing memories of pain, anger and conflict.

**Many: We come, knowing that God understands that our relationships and our losses can be conflicted.**

One: Come today, bearing memories of joy, laughter and togetherness.

**Many: We come, knowing that God shares in all our emotions.**

One: Come today, to be in communion with all the saints who have walked on ahead.

**Many: We come, knowing that God holds them and us in the palm of Her hand.  
Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN #299

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

“For All the Saints”

#### COLLECT PRAYER

*(Psalm 23 KJV)*

One: Please join me in prayer.

**Many: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Here Is Water, Lord”  
*(Chuck Byam and Chad Frost)*

HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE ENDOWMENTS

Frieda Schneeberger

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 NRSV (pg. 604)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-4 NRSV (pg. 982)

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #283

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Adagio”  
*(Judy Nielsen)*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Frieda Schneeberger

REMEMBERANCES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)*

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.  
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**Many: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

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http://cardiphonia.org/2010/04/23/beatitudes-prayer-of-confession-reggie-kidd/)*

From the Beatitudes – A Prayer of Confession

*(inspired by Matthew 5:3-12)*

One: Please join me in this Prayer of Confession

**Many: Beloved Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit  
and give them the Kingdom.**

**But we turn away from those whose physical poverty  
reminds us of our true spiritual state,  
and we build our own little kingdoms of self.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.**

**You bless those who mourn, and you comfort them.  
But we flee those that grieve, feeling unable to support their pain,  
and we seek comfort in possessions and prestige and power.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.**

**You bless the meek, and promise them the earth,  
you bless the merciful and promise them mercy.  
But we are far from meek —  
we try to make the world our own through pride and self-promotion;  
and we hold grudges at the slightest offense.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.**

**You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—  
you promise to satisfy their desires.  
You bless the pure in heart and promise that they shall see God.  
But we hunger and thirst after everything else:  
The addictions of substances, of Netflix, of scrolling, of work,  
and the pride of life;  
our hearts are not pure, and so we cannot see you.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.**

**You bless the peacemakers and the persecuted and the reviled—  
you call them children of God  
and you give them the kingdom of heaven.  
But we let fear, anger, and hate guide us,  
turning us against neighbor, family, and community,  
reviling others, instead of risking scorn through our  
just and peaceful actions.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.**

**Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.  
Christe eleison — Christ, have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison — Lord, have mercy.  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Beloved ones, the good news is that God knows our hearts and knows that we want to do better. So, God sent Jesus to offer us a path towards righteousness—a path that will help us to fix our mistakes, to reconcile with one another and with God. But the good news is also this: ultimately salvation is given to you by God out of love and grace. Blessed are you, for you are forgiven and loved.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord.  
Blessed is the one who comes,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

**Many: God, we thank you for inviting us to, and nurturing us at, this table.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us  
remember the saints with joy, trusting with a true and certain hope that  
we will be reunited with them again. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(Insert)*

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful  
In the Lord, I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus - Adaptation”  
*(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)*

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*(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr.)*

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### SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** - Troy Arient

**Fresh Perspective** – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Honoring Those Who Endowed the Church** – Frieda Schneeberger

**Stewardship Moment**- Frieda Schneeberger

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Organist** – Judy Nielsen

**Pianist** - Chuck Byam

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- If you're struggling to find hope amidst all of the troubles of our world right now, one source that maybe be helpful is this: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>
- For resources regarding how to report or deal with voter intimidation, see <https://advancementproject.org/what-to-do-if-you-experience-intimidation-at-the-polls/>

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the  
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the  
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,  
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a  
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our  
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be forever blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 faithful lives entwined.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

## **New Revised Standard Version**

**3** For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

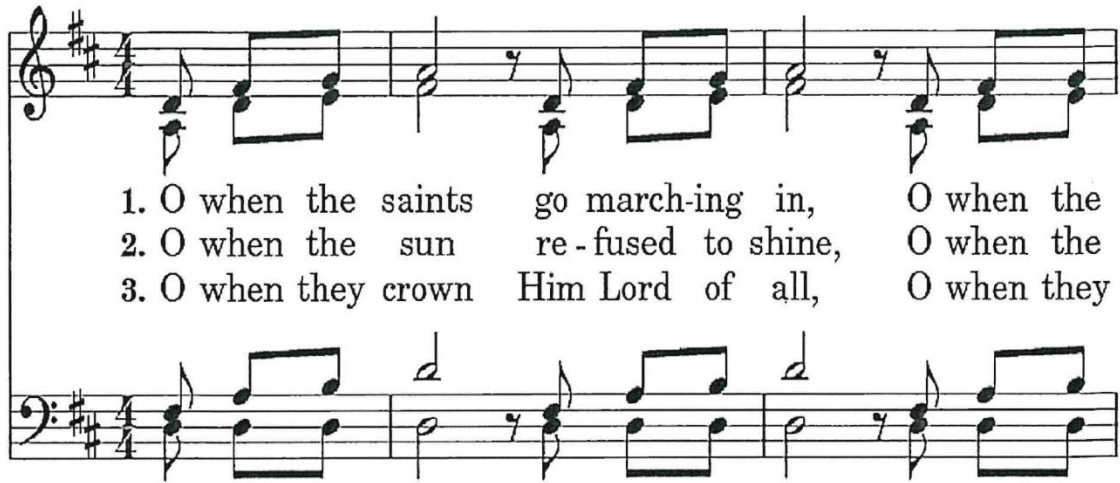
## **John 14:1-4**

## **New Revised Standard Version**

**14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

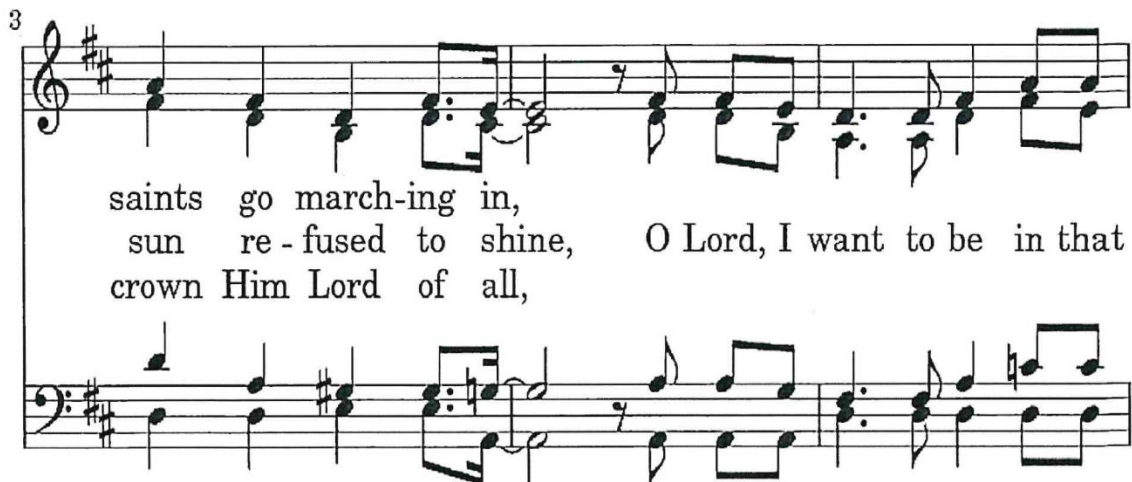


## When The Saints Go Marching In



1. O when the saints go march-ing in, O when the  
 2. O when the sun re-fused to shine, O when the  
 3. O when they crown Him Lord of all, O when they

3



saints go march-ing in,  
 sun re-fused to shine, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 crown Him Lord of all,

6



when the saints go march-ing in.  
 num-ber when the sun re-fused to shine.  
 when they crown Him Lord of all.