



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**All Saints Day  
November 7, 2021  
10:30 a.m. 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.  
As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door.  
We ask that you wear a mask and social distance from others not in your family or pod.*

*If you are new to our church or do not receive email updates from us, please share your name and contact information with us by contacting us: [office@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:office@grandledgeucc.org)*

### 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

Grand Ringers

#### INTROIT

“Weaving Around”

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Through baptism we enter into a family of faith. As Christ died and was buried, so too our earthly bodies die.

**Many: As members of Christ’s body, we share in his death. Just as he was raised, we too have new life in Christ’s resurrection.**

One: It is because of this hope that we gather to remember the saints who have gone before us.

**Many: In grief, we seek comfort in the embrace of our community and the Holy Spirit.**

One: But in joy and celebration for lives well lived, we share our memories of our loved ones.

**Many: On this All Saints Day, we also become conscious of the frailty of our own earthly existence.**

One: Thus, may we reaffirm our commitment to live out our brief time on earth as did the saints before us.

**Many: We honor our loved ones by living as they did, with courage, faith, love, and hope.**

#### OPENING HYMN #299

“For All the Saints”

*(We will remain seated during the hymns and you are encouraged to quietly follow along and reflect on the verses printed in this bulletin while enjoying the music as it is being played.)*

GATHERING PRAYER

(Psalm 23 KJV)

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 for ever. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

FIRST READING

“I’m Free”

(Anne Lindgren Davison)  
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Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

ANTHEM

“Remember Me”

(Chancel Choir)

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

#### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

“All the Bad Guys in Books Are Afraid of Death”

*(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)*

#### HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE ENDOWMENTS

Freida Schneeberger

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Thea Oatman

#### OFFERING MOMENT

*(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, 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))*

#### DOXOLOGY

#### DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

**Many: We lift up these offerings as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care, O God. We pledge ourselves, time, talent, and treasure. We pray that we may follow in the spirit of the poor woman who gave her all without hesitation. We dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in our faithfulness to your Word. Amen**

#### REMEMBRANCES

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

*(Chuck Byam)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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:

One: Please join me in the Prayer of Confession.

**Many: Holy God, whose presence with us is everlasting, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors, for the ways that we have failed to follow examples of courage, wisdom, love, and justice. Free us from any legacy of their sins and help us to overcome and change any systems of oppression that they left. Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendants. Our greed and lack of care for the earth has threatened their well-being, our addictions and our anger have damaged their peace. Forgive us, oh God, we pray, that we may be worthy of the praise of our ancestors and our descendants. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Beloved ones, our God of grace loves you and forgives you. What’s more, God sent Jesus to help guide you, so that you can be who you wish to be.

**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 BLESSING AND LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

**Many: God, we thank you for inviting us to, and nurturing us at, this table. Send us out now, we pray, rejoicing and celebrating the memories of the saints who have shown us the way to discipleship. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

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.**

POSTLUDE

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”  
*(Chuck Byam)*

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**Greeter** – Connie Dible

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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 Je - sus,  
 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 for - ev - er blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 faith - ful lives en - twine.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

*This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).*

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



## 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,

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