

Morning Worship
November 2, 2008
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Kyrie Eleison

J. S. Bach

THE INTROIT

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1, 8-9

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

"Grand Isle"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Eternal God, out of your great generosity you brought the world into being and gave it life. Then you gave it yourself, on the cross of human suffering. Such priceless, painful giving! Forgive us when we are blind. Show us a different kind of world, a different cost of living—where the pain will not be eased by the money we spend on ourselves, but by the way we spend ourselves for others, and the way we value life. Eternal God, who created us, forgive us and re-create us this day and evermore. Amen.

—extract from the "Iona Abbey Worship Book"

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#76, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PIANO DEDICATION

Leader: O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

People: We praise you!

Men: You fashioned the earth and all that lives there,

People: We praise you!

Women: You give breath to the people upon it, and Spirit to those who walk on it.

People: We praise and thank you, O God.

Leader: That the eyes of the blind be opened, the broken-hearted be healed, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness.

People: Your kingdom come, O lord. Your will be done.

Leader: Lord, be pleased to accept the gift of this new instrument to be used for practice and praise in our choir room to your glory and in memory of Helen Weatherholt.

People: We dedicate this piano and all our music and musicians in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

"Royal Oak"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31

pew Bible p. 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 23:1-12

pew Bible p. 24

THE ANTHEM

My Soul is At Rest

Taize

Refrain: My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him.

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God, all you people, trust him at all times.
Pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

THE SERMON

"The Humble Root"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and o the manifestation of his own glory.

—Chapter 1, 3:01, Scots Confession

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Songs without Words, opus 30, No. 2
(played on the newly dedicated Yamaha piano in the choir room)

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #526

For All the Saints

"Sine Nomine"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Piano Selections

Nancy Hodges, Melissa Courtney, Will DiNola and Julie Courtney

(played on the newly dedicated Yamaha piano in the choir room)

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Music Notes

The music for this morning's worship service reflects the Lord's Supper and the celebration of All Saints. The Introit is verse one of the opening hymn, a hymn reflecting the celebration of All Saints, a hymn from the pen of John Henry Hopkins in 1940. Listen carefully as the choir introduces the hymn for you.

The Anthem is one of many representative of the Taize Community, an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taize, Saone-et-Loire, Burgundy, France.

The community was founded in 1940 for a sanctuary for WWII POWs by Brother Roger, who remained its leader until his death in 2005. The community is made up of more than a hundred men from many nations representing Protestant and Catholic branches of Christianity. Life in the community focuses on prayer and meditation. Thousands of young people from all over the world visit Taizé each week to join in the community life.

The community, though Western European in origin, seeks to welcome people and traditions from across the globe. This internationalism is reflected by the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages and increasingly include chants and icons from the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

Taizé has spawned a unique style of worship music that reflects the meditative nature of the community. Taizé music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. The repetition is intended to aid meditation and prayer. Much of the Taizé community music was conceived and composed by Jacques Berthier. The Anthem this morning is based on Psalms 61 and 62 and has a repeated ostinato response interspersed with 3 verses.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

About The Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

For the month of November, we will be using an extract from the *Scots Confession*. The *Scots Confession*, charter document of the Church of Scotland, emerged from a protracted period of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership often proved a risky business. In 1560, the Scottish Parliament commissioned six prominent ministers (John Douglas, John Knox, John Row, John Spottiswood, John Willock and John Winram) to write a statement of Protestant Christian faith. Knox, who during periods of exile had studied in Geneva with John Calvin and also ministered to the English-speaking congregation there, is generally thought to have exerted a strong influence over the document.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (2)

Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Communion, All Saints, On the Air WCBC
Cents-Ability Boxes Collected
- 12:00 PM Piano Open House in Choir Room
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (3)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Study
- 5:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (4)

Election Day

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Nursery School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (5)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:00 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Middler & Girls Basketball Practice
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (6)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Pastoral Care/IRT Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

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On the Air WCBC
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- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting