



# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

We Welcome You on this

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word - November 1, 2020

9:30 AM

*All Saints Day*

## The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration and Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

**\*The Procession of Light      “For All the Saints”**

Call to Worship

Leader: God, for all the saints I give you thanks---

**All: for grandparents and godparents, for doctors and teachers, for coaches and pastors.**

Leader: God, for all the saints I give you thanks---

**All: for authors of books that have moved me, for friends whose advice has guided me, for strangers who proved an example, for my children and the children of others who have given me joy.**

Leader: God, for all the saints I give you thanks---

**All: for those nearest and farthest away, for those who have died, and those who are living, for those who knew they made a difference and those who never will. God, for all the saints we give you thanks!**

## The Refreshment of Forgiveness

### The Unison Prayer of Confession

**We come to you, Listener of our broken lives, with our hands soiled with the pain we have caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained with those lusts and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Wiper of our tears. As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters towards the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces toward you in every moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.**

*(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is gone, your hands once full of foolishness are now empty. God has clothed you with garments of joy to wear to the feast.

**All: Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new – including us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**An Affirmation of Faith      “A New Creed”      (United Church of Canada)**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## The Gift of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson      Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

New Testament Lesson      Revelation 7: 9-17

Gospel Lesson      Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon

“In the Morning”

Pastor Cope

Special Music

“My Lord, What a Mornin”

Jan Garinger

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call to Offering

Offertory

**\*Offertory Response**

**“Doxology”**

**#778 (NCH)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. We want to treat our brothers and sisters as we wish to be treated, with dignity, understanding, and grace. May these offerings prove to be a blessing to those who give and to those who receive. Amen.**

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The Ministry of Prayer

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*A Ritual of Remembering found on the bulletin insert.*

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The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

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**\*Benediction**

Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

**We go out to be God's people.**

Go in strength to be the saints of God  
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

**We go out to be God's people.**

Live the way of God with confidence  
for God is your shepherd,  
and will guide you to the spring of life.

**We go out to be God's people.**

**\*Three-fold Amen**

\*Postlude

**#812 (NCH)**

\*Indicates that all who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates unison reading.  
**Notice Someone Missing?** *If so give them a call and let them know they are missed.*



**RITUAL OF REMEMBERING**

Leader: On this celebration of All Saints Day, we remember and honor the saints of yesterday and today; faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God. We remember this day those saints of this congregation who have entered into eternal rest during this past year.

***Thelma L. Keister, Mary K. Yost, Eileen M. Bauer***

Leader: We remember also those who have gone before us and touched our lives in some way. ***A moment of silence.*** We celebrate these lives this day even as we continue to grieve.

Call to Prayer: (Please be seated)

Leader: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

**All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (Unison)**

**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 prepares 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.**

**During the musical selection, you are invited to come forward and receive a remembrance of your loved one this day – Angel's Wings.**



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