



November 7, 2021

Prelude **Seek Ye First, Douglas Wagner** **Chancel Choir**

Welcome/Announcements **Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller**

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Rejoice with the saints of the Lord.

People: We celebrate God's love.

Pastor: Let us remember the faithfulness of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

***Hymn** **For All the Saints**

Litany of Remembrance

Pastor: God of the ages, we praise You for all Your servants who have faithfully served You, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world.

People: We praise You, O God.

Pastor: For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

People: We praise You, O God.

Naming of Saints

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ.

Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light;

through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Message **Linda Biscardo**

Veteran's Day Video

Recognition of Active-Duty Military and Veterans

***Hymn** **I Vow to Thee, My Country**

Prayers of the People **Sarah Chambers**

Scripture Readings **Psalm 16:11, Matthew 13:44, Hebrews 12:1-2** **Joana Arthur**

Message **Joy in Our Purpose** **Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller**

Invitation to Communion **Sarah Chambers**

Leader: Christ, our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins, and who earnestly seek to live in peace with one another. As we draw near with faith as so many have before us, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, You send us saints ...

People: And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.

Leader: God, You send us saints...

People: And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers, or incompetent. Have mercy.

Leader: God, You send us saints...

People: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.

Leader: God, You send us saints...

People: And we ignore them. Have mercy.

Leader: God, You send us to be saints to the world; to show Your example to those around us.

All: Free us, teach us, to be like You. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news:

God's word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace.

We are loved and accepted as we are by the Creator of the universe, and there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . And so, we Your people on earth and with all the company of heaven praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Renew our communion with all Your saints, especially those whom we name before You now—

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

***Breaking of the Bread**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***Hymn**

Take My Life, and Let it Be

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

One Spirit, One Church

June Shuffett

***Please stand if able.**