

Traditional Order of Worship  
 November 6, 2022  
 Worship Series: Living Faith  
 Message: Genuine Faith: Do Good

**Prelude** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 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 run with perseverance the race set before us.**

\*Hymn *For All the Saints* UMH 711

\*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.**

Pastor: And for the members our congregation,  
 who has finished his course in faith in the past twelve months:

David Bennett  
 Dorothy Cross  
 Alma Sheldon  
 Marjorie Simms

*And now, we lift up the names of the following family and friends who have passed away this year.*

We invite you now to lift up other family and friends who have passed away this past year that have not yet been named.

(pause)

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 Moment Linda Biscardo

Moment on Generosity Kathy Henry

Offering *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* Chancel Choir

\*Doxology UMH 95

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Scripture Reading** James 3:13-18; 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Peggy Brown

Dramatic Reading Shea Porter-Miller of the Franconia Players

Message *Genuine Faith: Do Good* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Invitation to Communion** Sarah Chambers

## **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Beloved God,  
we come before You,  
just as generations of believers have done,  
and pray for Your forgiveness and grace.  
Have mercy on us  
for we do not always love as You would have us love.  
We do not always do the good You would have us do.  
In our stubbornness,  
we turn from You when we should turn toward You.  
Hold us, dear One –  
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,  
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in Your presence.  
Free us now to follow in the example of the saints who have gone before us  
to commit wholeheartedly to do what is good;  
in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

## **Assurance and Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!  
Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors  
did not follow God's ways perfectly,  
we have hope in the One who did!  
Jesus taught through His words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.  
Thus, we and all who have come before us  
are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**All: Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! 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 mighty 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                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      UMH 451

\*Benediction                      Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude                      *To God be The Glory*                      June Shuffett