



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

All Saints Day
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2020

Order of Service

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”
(Dobin Park ~ piano)

(Joel Raney)

***Call to Worship**

L: You Let us bless the Lord at all times.
M: **We boast in the grace of our Lord.**
L: Let us praise the name of the Lord,
M: **With heart and voice.**
L: Listen to the Lord who delivers us;
M: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**
L: Look to the Lord who hears our cries,
M: **And deliver us from all our fears.**
L: Happy and blessed are they who trust in the Lord.
M: **Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**
L: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
M: **Bless the Lord!**
L: Let us Worship our God!!

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Eternal God of blessing and mercy, we praise you for your surprising and surpassing generosity to us and our world. Keep our hearts and minds fixed on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the lamb who is our shepherd. Make us strong in the hope and promise that one day all will be made right around your throne. May your word that one day there will be no more hunger, thirst, tears, or suffering give us courage to live generous and merciful lives now. Bless us as we serve and keep our faith centered on you during times of struggle.

Most merciful God, we confess to you that many things in life tear us away from you. Too often our hearts are set on our own plans and desires, and we think we are self-sufficient. Too often we give in to pride and selfishness instead of walking humbly and faithfully with you. Too often we lack the courage and faith to endure hardship and even persecution for your sake and the sake of our neighbor. Forgive us, God, and create in us hearts that are

centered in you and are ready to do your good will. Create in us hearts that show mercy to others whatever the cost. Remind us of the good news that none of those who take refuge in you will be condemned. Let your Spirit proclaim to us that the lamb is our shepherd and leads us to springs of the water of life. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Hear the Good News! Sisters and brothers, John reminds us how we are the children of God. When the great revelation occurs we shall know ourselves as created in that divine image. As Christ sits at God's right hand and intercedes on our behalf, we have the hope that we are purified through such loving testimony and may dwell in the assurance of the pardon that God gives us in Christ. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

M: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now & forever. Amen.**

***Response**

"Gloria Patri"

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture for the Day

From the Revelation of John:

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Anthem

"At This Table Make Us One"

(John Purifoy)

*As we gather in this place, at the table of Your grace,
Father hear us when we call, Send Your Spirit over all
At this table, make us one, in the name of Christ, Your Son.
Come examine us within, and forgive us of all sin.
Be among us as we dine. Break the bread and pour the wine.
We recall Your gift of grace 'til we see You face to face,
When Your kingdom comes anew, and we share the feast with You.
Yours the glory and the praise, now forever, and always.
At this table, make us one, in the name of Christ, Your Son.*

From the Letters to Entire Church

1 John 3:1-3

3 ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Pastoral Prayer

Lords 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 and ever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

Diana Stamm

Offertory

“Pie Jesu’ from Requiem”
(Yewon Yoon ~ Soprano)

(Gabriel Faure)

*Blessed Jesus, Lord Our God,
Grant to them eternal rest.
O Grant them Lord eternal rest
rest with Thee forever Lord*

From the Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon “Saints by the Grace of God” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.
ALL persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God**

the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity & community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love; that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River"
(see last page)

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"O God Our Help In Ages Past" (arr. Gordon Young)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Marty Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Thanks to all the musicians and to Michael Sullivan and Dobin Park for assisting with filming and to Kyle Taylor and Dobin Park for film editing.

Hymn

DEATH & LIFE ETERNAL

Shall We Gather at the River 522

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
 2 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den
 3 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God?
 vide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gath - er at the
 mel - o - dy of peace.

riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.