

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2020

### Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

### Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer  
And preparation for worship.

### Greeting

### Opening Hymn

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

**Refrain:** Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and  
o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and  
in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! **Refrain**

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just  
from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. **Refrain**

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. **Refrain**

### Roll Call of the Saints (pray responsively)

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are  
no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What  
joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.**

Months or years have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts  
yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain  
abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of  
life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.**

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their  
virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness fade from  
sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.**

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of  
our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored  
for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the  
tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

**THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.**

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great  
cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings and offer you  
hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**THEY ARE ALIVE FOR EVER MORE. AMEN.**

**Gloria Patri**, UM Hymnal, No. 70

*Meineke*

### Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Minister: Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 133:1-3

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### Sermon

"The Blessing"

Rev. Mark Barnes

### Invitation to Communion

### Hymn of Dedication

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand, I am tired,  
I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead  
me on to the light: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my  
life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I  
fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day  
is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### Benediction

### Postlude

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*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Christian sympathy is extended to Becky Powell and family on the death of her father, Dennie Buchanan who died October 20.*

*Christian sympathy is extended to Lynne Skelton on the death of her mother Ila Juanita Kennedy who died October 26.*

### **Thanksgiving Food Bags**

Bethany's Local Missions Committee will be distributing turkeys and bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. Instead of food this year, we are asking for **monetary donations only**, by **November 8** or sooner. Please write a check to Bethany UMC and write "Food Bags" on the memo line. You can also give through a link on our church website. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we blessed 220 families! If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Food Bag, please call Pastor Narcie at 854.429.1848 by November 8.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. More info to follow.

### **Let's Celebrate Advent Together**

While many of us are quarantining at home, we wanted all people to experience the Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this Advent season. We're making Advent bags to give out **Sunday, November 15** after all church services and from 12 pm – 2 pm under the covered driveway. They will have materials to make your very own Advent wreath, an Advent calendar for adults, an Advent calendar for children, Advent readings, and other surprises. At Christmas we celebrate that in Christ, "The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world" (John 1:9).

*All households are welcome to pick up a bag as we go through this Advent journey together.*

**Join us in the Sanctuary and virtually at our Advent services on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 pm.**

### **Charge Conference**

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm in Room 215. This meeting will be available virtually as well as in person. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Bethany Movie Night**

Please join us for a night of fellowship and fun! The youth will be hosting a movie night on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The family friendly movie, *I Still Believe* will be showing.



*All Saints' Day*

<i>Dorothy Jane Odle</i>	<i>Juanita Blair Ackerman</i>
<i>William D. Hostetter</i>	<i>Ann Keels Everett</i>
<i>Coach John McKissick</i>	<i>Raymond Elliott Goins</i>
<i>John Robert Hall</i>	<i>Charlie Linwood Fowler, II</i>
<i>Harold Hunter Robinson, Jr.</i>	<i>Calvin "Kemp" Willard, Jr.</i>
<i>Elizabeth "Beth" Holler</i>	<i>Jean Ruth Godfrey</i>
<i>Ronald Dee Blanchard</i>	<i>Rev. Forrest David Mills</i>
<i>Margaret Ann Blanchard</i>	<i>Ronald S. Banks, Sr.</i>
<i>Eva "Ruth" Beckwith Spence</i>	<i>Harrell T. McGuire</i>
<i>David Carroll LeBleu</i>	<i>William Aubrey Carter</i>
<i>Margaret F. Blackmon</i>	<i>William Buie</i>
<i>Henry M. Hagen</i>	

***Bethany United Methodist Church***  
***Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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