

All Saints Day
Sunday Worship Service
Nov. 1, 2020
10:00 a.m.

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION

CENTERING

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Stacy Swain

CALL TO WORSHIP "Amazing Grace"
Daon Drisdom

OPENING HYMN "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" *NCH #23*

There is a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There's not place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of god is broader than the measures of our minds;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE (Together) Eden Johnson

Creator, Redeemer, Sustaining God. We ask your grace be upon us this day. We want to love you with our whole hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves, but sometimes find it hard to do so.
So shine the light of your love into our lives, we pray. Guide us and renew us. Help us to more fully experience your grace so that we may be beacons of hope, sources of comfort, fonts of inspiration, and ambassadors of your love, in this beautiful but wounded world. We pray all of this in the name of Love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***THE GREETING OF PEACE**
Leader: May God's Peace be with you
Many: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING Jane Purser

Revelation 7:9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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."

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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 Rev. Stacy Swain

SERMON RESPONSE **"**You Amaze Me" *by Vicki Yohe*

A TIME OF PRAYER Rev. Stacy Swain with Eden Johnson

One**:** The Lord be with you.
Many: And with thy spirit.
One: Let us begin our prayer in silence.

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER (TRESPASSES)

PRAYER RESPONSE "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

GATHERING SONG "Great Cloud"

THE INVITATION Rev. Amy Clark Feldman

COMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (Together) Eden Johnson

Eternal God, we spread your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, on our gifts and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new. Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC **"**One Bread, One Body"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together) Rev. Stacy Swain

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
For gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,
For peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,
For the glory of creation, for the mission of justice you have made our own.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "O God in Whom All Life Begins" *NCH #401*

O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
Bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy and peace;
Deliver us from numbing fear and grant our faith increase.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy enlarge our trust and care;
So bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
Then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

BENEDICTION Rev. Stacy Swain