All Saints Sunday
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Today's service will commemorate those who have departed from us in the last year, particularly from our UPC church family.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE — *What Wondrous Love is This?*
J William Greene
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WELCOME — Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*
We remember, O God…
The countless saints of history
who have demonstrated many ways to live faithful lives.

We remember, O God…
The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of teachers,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God…
The gentle strength of our ancestors,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God…
The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
and the glory of his resurrection:

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us worship God with joy!

*OPENING HYMN No. 369 ***Blessing and Honor***

CALL TO CONFESSION Erin Tolar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
Beloved God,
who was known to those who came before us,
family, friends, even to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

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.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsive)* *adapted from Psalm 30*
O Lord, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand?
There is forgiveness with God, and in God's word we hope.
With God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.
God's mercy is never ending. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *sung through one time* *Hymn 33 vs 2*
Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace, Alleluia!

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Deuteronomy 28:1-6

Psalm 1:1-2 — UPC Choir

Blessed are those who walk not in the pathways of the ungodly,
Nor stand in the way of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers.
But their delight is in the law of the Lord.
They shall be like trees planted by streams of water.

Romans 4:1-8

Luke 6:20-22 — *Vocal Solo:* Leslie Green

Blessed are you who are poor,
For yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
For you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
For you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
When they exclude you and insult you,
And reject your name as evil,
Because of the Son of Man.

Psalm 32:1-7

Psalm 34:8, 20, 22 — UPC Choir

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
He keeps all their bones;
Not one of them shall be broken.
The Lord redeems the life of God's servants;
None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.
Blessed are those who take refuge in God,
Blessed are they.

Revelation 21:1-4

Revelation 14:13 — UPC Choir

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
Blessed says the Spirit,
For they will rest from their labors
And their deeds will follow them.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF UPC

AJ Meek	*8/29/1941-11/08/2025*
Eugene Berg	*11/10/1926 - 3/08/2026*
Samear Zaitoon	*3/04/1945 - 5/22/2026*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

Psalm 23 — Liturgist

Psalm 23 — UPC Choir

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)

By local composers Melonee Cooper and Karen Cook

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The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
He makes me lie in green pastures
He leads me by still waters of comfort
He restoreth my soul
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His Name's sake

Even though I walk through the shadow of death
I'll have no fear
For You are near
Thy rod and staff they comfort me

Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of my enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil
My cup overflows

Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me a
All the days of my life
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever
Amen

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY — *Voluntary on "Nyland"*
Robert Lind
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*DOXOLOGY — *Old Hundredth*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*
God of all generations,
We offer our whole selves to you,
all that we have and all that we are.
Like the saints who have gone before us,
may we be good stewards of the lives you have given us.
As those who have been given much,
may we give freely of our time, our talents, and our treasure,
looking forward to the day we too stand amidst the multitude
that gathers at your heavenly feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding. (PC-USA Book of Order W-3.0409)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
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.

Gracious God, you formed the worlds, every star and tree and ocean the work of your hands - even us…

Therefore we lift this prayer of all generations to you, joining our voices with all the ordinary saints who have finished their race and rejoice forever to the glory of your name saying:

Our Mother and Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat. The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER *(unison)*

God of our beginning and our end,
Communion reminds us that we are never alone
but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses
united forever by your love.
May we continue to savor this meal
as we savor the memories of those who have gone before us.
Allow us the pleasure of recognizing your grace
which connects us to you and to one another,
forever and always.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 326 ***For All the Saints***

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE *(responsive)*

Go with God.
Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
J. William Greene
Lorenz Corporation, 2020

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton for his beautiful contribution to today's worship service through his composition, "A Service of Remembrance," for choir and organ. Special thanks also to Christopher Cunningham and Kelsey Snyder for their leadership, dedication, and musical talents in bringing this meaningful service to fruition.

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