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November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Amazing Grace: Forever Mine***  
***All Saints Day***

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Shall We Gather at the River with Deep River*

Traditional

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**C: we come to be your people, O God.**

L: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**C: we come to be your people, O God.**

L: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

**C: we come to be your people, O God.**

L: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

**C: we come to be your people, O God.**

L: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: Beloved, we are God's children now...Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**C: Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...**

**We pray, may we be more like Jesus.**

**Jesus fed those who were hungry...**

**We pray, may we be more like Jesus.**

**Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...**

**We pray, may we be more like Jesus.**

**Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...**

**We pray, may we be more like Jesus.**

**Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...**

**We pray, may we be more like Jesus.**

**And for every choice we make that is less like Jesus, forgive us, O God out of your amazing grace.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE** (see p. 6)

*Amazing Grace*

**ALL SING: Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease: I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first  
began.**

**(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*John 4:7-26 (CEB)*

**HYMN NO. NO. 417 NCH** (black hymnal see p. 7)

*This Is A Day of New Beginnings*

## PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS<sup>1</sup>

L: We notice the saints around us, O God; They have time for their friends and their family members.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: We notice the saints around us, O God; They see a neighbour in need, and they are ready to meet that need.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: We notice the saints around us, O God; They are aware of an injustice in the local community, or beyond this nation, and they find a way to bring change.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: We notice the saints around us, O God; they have a strong faith, and are ready to nourish their faith in Christian community.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: And we remember the saints before us, O God; who raised us in our faith, modeled your way before us, and have led the way into your kingdom come.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: We remember the saints before us, O God; and this day we lift their names before you out of a depth of gratitude and love.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: And we lift some of their beloved names before you now...

*David Allison*

*Gary & Donna Altland*

*Robert & Naomi Barnes*

*Geraldine Barto*

*Robert Barto*

*Donald Baughman*

*Betty Bridgette*

*Darlyne Bridgette*

*George Bridgette*

*Jackson Bridgette*

*"Buz̃z" Brosey*

*Donna Bunton*

*Amy Loucks Covert*

*Phyllis Craley*

*Ruthanna Dahlheimer*

*Bob Danenbower*

*Gordon Drescher*

*Sherman & June Frey*

*Kathleen & Edward Furst*

*Jean Gurst*

*Faye Hevner*

*Dakota Himes*

*Sharon Irwin*

*Caroline Kiessling*

*Edward Kiessling*

*Harriet Kiessling*

*Brenda Killion*

*Barry King*

*Jessica Mellinger*

*Thayne Maurer*

*Virginia Maurer*

*Donald Pinci*

*Jean Pinci*

*Flurene Queen*

*Joan Schildt*

*Benny Schwartz*

*Elizabeth & Millard Schwartz*

*Jera Shearer-Seibert*

*John Skennonto*

*Fran Spangler*

*Marianne Stauffer*

*Patti Thompson*

*Guy Wenck*

*Bob Wetzel*

L: Hold these saints in your care and help us live into the beauty of their witness on this earth.

**C: We want to be like them.**

L: We give thanks for the saints around us and who have gone before us, O God, entrusting that you hold us all in blessed community together still—held together by your amazing grace. Amen.

## **A TIME FOR SHARING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

by Bach

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 547

*Amazing Grace*

**ALL SING: The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

REMEMBERING THE STORY AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

THE LORD'S PRAYER<sup>1</sup>:

L: Ready to gather at the longest table of all, we join with the communion of saints in lifting up the prayer Christ has taught us:

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*At Mt. Zion all are welcome to share in Christ's meal. Today, Communion will be distributed by our Welcome Team members and passed down the pews for distribution —first bread, then the cup which is filled with grape juice. Gluten Free wafers are available as desired. We invite you to hold your bread and cup until the community is invited to eat together by the Pastor. Please dispose of your cup after worship.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 295 NCH HYMNAL** (see p. 8)

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*For All the Saints*

by Barnby

## References

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship, Time of Confession, and Prayers of the Saints are from “All Saints Day (Year A),” posted on **Seasons Online**. <http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/all-saints-day-cong-life-yr-a.pdf> and accessed on 10/26/23.

<sup>2</sup>The Eucharistic Prayer is written by Meta Herrick Carlson, *Speak it plain: words for worship and life together* (pg. 42-43). And accessed for use 10/26/23 .

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# For All the Saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. For all the saints who from their labors  
2. You were their rock, their hope that put their fears to  
3. Still may your peo- ple, faith-ful, true, and no- bly fought of  
4. Ringed by this cloud of wit-ness-es di- they in glo-ry  
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare  
rest, who to the world their steadfast faith con-  
might: you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to  
bold, live as the saints who no- bly fought of  
- vine, we fee- bly strug- gle, they in glo-ry  
long, steals on the ear the dis- tant tri-umph  
- fessed, your name, O Je- sus be for- ev- er  
flight; mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true  
old, and share with them a glo- rious crown of  
shine; yet in your love our faith- ful lives en-  
song, then hearts are brave a- gain, and faith grows  
12  
blessed. Al- le- lu - ia! Al- le- lu - ia!  
light.  
gold.  
twine.  
strong.

# Amazing Grace (Londonderry Air)

Newton

Old Irish Melody

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall  
2. When we've been there ten thou - sand

3



fail, when mor-tal life shall cease. \_\_\_\_\_ I shall po -  
years, bright shin-ing as the sun. \_\_\_\_\_ We've no less

6



- sess, with-i - n the veil, a life of joy and peace.  
days to sing God's praise, than when we first, be - gun.

# This is a Day of New Beginnings

Les Garrett, 1967

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings,  
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,  
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,  
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

5

time to re - mem - ber and move on,  
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,  
step from the past and leave be - hind  
to show and share what love can do.

9

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,  
can make for us a world of dif - ference,  
our dis - a - point - ment, of guilt, and griev - ing,  
This is a day of new be - gin - nings

13

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
our God is mak - ing all things

2.

17

new.

# I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

John Henry Hopkins

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. I sing a song of the saints of God,...  
2. They loved their God and they lived that love. It was  
3. They lived not on - ly in a ges past, there are

4

faith - ful their whole lives through, who brave - ly la - bored,  
lov - ing that made them strong. They did what was right, for  
hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The world is filled with

7

lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And  
Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their whole lives long. And  
liv - ing saints who choose to do God's will. You can

10

one was a doc - tor and one was a queen, and an - oth - er a shep - herd in  
one was a pro - phet, and one was a priest, and an - oth - er was slain by a  
meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a church, in a train, in a

13

pas - tures green: they were saints of God if you know what I mean. God,  
fierce wild beast: there is no earth - ly rea - son, none in the least, why  
shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like you and like me, and

16

help me to be one, too.  
I should - n't be one, too.  
I mean to be one, too.