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9:45 AM

In My Father's House
The Dining Room—A Place of Remembering
All Saints' Sunday

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, 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, 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
INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

GATHERING BLESSING *And the Table Will Be Wide* by Jan Richardson

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River with Deep River* arr. Labenske

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to the table, where Christ is revealed in the breaking of bread.

C: Here the saints gather with us in memory and hope.

L: Come to the feast, where love is stronger than death.

C: We remember and give thanks together.

L: Come, let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

C: In my Father's house there are many rooms.

L: I invite you to stand as we sing praise to the God who gathers us at the table with all the saints.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Come, O Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

George J. Elvey

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$\text{♩} = 80$



1. Come, O thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the
 3. These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all

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har-vest home; all is safe - ly gath-ered in as the win - ter
 gar-dens yield, all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ended 'neath the
 bless-ings flow; and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and

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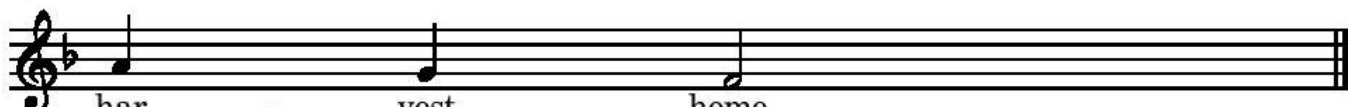
storms be - gin; God our Ma - ker does pro - vide for our wants to
 sum-mer sky, All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the
 sol - emn praise. Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of

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be sup-plied; come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of
 smil-ing land, all that lib - eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er -
 har-vest home; come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of

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har - vest home.
 - flow - ing stores.
 har - vest home.

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***TIME OF CONFESSION**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

TIME OF CONFESSION

L: God of all people,

C: Forgive us when we forget the saints, when we hoard the table instead of sharing it, when we fail to remember your love made known in bread and cup. In your mercy, cleanse us, renew us, and make room for us again.

REMINDER OF GRACE

P: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: In God's house, there is always a room for you. Your sins are forgiven, your life is made new. We are all forgiven this day. Let us join at Christ's table freed by Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

ACT OF PRAISE

Big, Big House

by Blair, McGinniss, & Herdman

ALL SING: Come, and go with me to my Father's house. Come, and go with me to my Father's house.

It's a big, big house with lots of rooms. It's a big, big table, with lots and lots of food. It's a big, big yard where we can play football (Touchdown!). It's a big, big house, yea, it's my father's house! It's my father's house! It's my father's house!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17(CEB)

Luke 24:28-35 (CEB)

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE NCH NO. 299 (black hymnal, see next page)

For All the Saints

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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 la - bors rest,
 2. You were their rock, their re - fuge, and their might:
 3. Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine,
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,

who to the world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O
 you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; mid gloom and
 live as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with
 we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, then hearts are

Je - sus be for - ev - er blessed. Al - le - lu - ia! Al -
 doubt, you were their one true light.
 them a glo - rious crown of gold.
 love our faith - ful lives en - twine.
 brave a - gain, and faith grows strong.

le - lu - ia!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

(During the prayers, the congregation will be invited to lift aloud or silently the names of saints being remembered)

TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

by Kirkpatrick

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

L: Generous God, in your house there are many rooms, each one filled with welcome, memory, nourishment, renewal, and hope. We bring these gifts to you, trusting that you will use them to open doors, set wide tables, fill hungry hearts, wash weary souls, and guide your people in every step of their journey. Bless what we offer, and bless us as we live as part of your household of grace.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Rock of Ages

by Massa

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We give thanks this day, for God has called us to this table of memory and promise. Here the saints gather to dine with Christ—a meal that has no end and no empty seats.

P: We remember the love that binds us across all times and places, just as we remember all who have gathered at this table, from the very beginning when...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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 COMMUNION

Today for Communion, you are invited to come forward to place an item of remembrance on our dining room table, where all are fed. Then, continuing forward, all are invited to God's meal to receive bread, grape juice by intinction. If you have a gluten intolerance, please let those serving communion know, because we do have separate elements prepared for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN NCH NO. 295 (see below)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

HYMN NCH NO. 597 (see next page)

Shall We Gather at the River

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

John Henry Hopkins

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I sing a song of the saints of God, ... faith - ful their whole lives
 2. They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them
 3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands

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 through, who brave-ly la-bored, lived and died for the God they loved and
 strong. They did what was right, for Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their whole lives
 still. The world is filled with liv - ing saints who choose to do God's

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 knew. And one was a doc - tor and one was a queen, and an - oth - er a shep-herd in
 long. And one was a pro-phet, and one was a priest, and an - oth - er was slain by a
 will. You can 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, help me to be one,
 fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea - son, none in the least, why I should-n't be one,
 shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like you and like me, and I mean to be one,

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 too.
 too.
 too.

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Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

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Piano

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable as we give thanks for the meal shared at Christ's table this day, God our Great Host,

C: We give you thanks, for gathering us at your table of remembrance and hope. Strengthen us to go from this meal as people who welcome, remember, and share your feast of love with all the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NCH NO. 81** (black hymnal, see below)

God Be With You

God Be With You

Jeremiah E. Rankin

Edward J. Hopkins, 1869

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in two columns. The second system continues the melody and lyrics. The third system is marked 'Refrain' and features a more rhythmic melody. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good counsel guide, up -
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per-ils thick con -
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float-ing

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- hold you, With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we
hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we
- found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we
o'er you, Smite death's threaten-ing wave be - fore you: God be with you till we

8 *Refrain*
meet a - gain. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je sus' feet; till we
meet a - gain.
meet a - gain.
meet a - gain.

13
meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***BENEDICTION**

P: Go now, beloved of God, from the porch of welcome, and carry God's invitation into the world. Wherever this week takes you, know that Christ prepares a place for you, the Spirit goes with you, and the love of God makes every space home.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Traditional

Welcome Team Members—Wendy Kindig, Doris Loucks, Jesse & Nancy Smith

Liturgist—Connie Wolfe

Lector—Freddie Northridge

Tech Team—George DeMers, Ron Miles

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