



ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Ashokan Farewell”* *Sean & Ginger Mann*

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 34:1,3,8* *Joyce Gill*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: Happy are those who take refuge in him.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* #687

Our God, our help in ages past,

**our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us

courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.**

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Bill

*SONG

“Jesus Loves Me!” (vs. 1)

#188

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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ANTHEM

*“Deep Peace”
Sung by Gabriel’s Sounds*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Gill

Gracious God, without your Spirit to illumine us, we are powerless to understand your Word. As the Scriptures are opened and your Word is proclaimed, by your Spirit speak to us understanding, obedience, and joy in doing your will. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets--who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Surrounded”

Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“My Soul Rejoices”
Sung by Praise Team*

**My soul rejoices in the mercy of the Lord.
My soul rejoices in the mercy of the Lord.
For His steadfast love endures forever.
Yes His steadfast love endures forever.
So my soul rejoices in the mercy of the Lord.**

**My soul rejoices in the beauty of the Lord.
My soul rejoices in the beauty of the Lord.
For His steadfast love endures forever.
Yes His steadfast love endures forever.
So my soul rejoices in the beauty of the Lord.**

**My soul rejoices in the glory of the Lord.
My soul rejoices in the glory of the Lord.
For His steadfast love endures forever.
Yes His steadfast love endures forever.
So my soul rejoices in the glory of the Lord.**

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***DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

#609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: Therefore we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All Sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

One: Remembering...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen: According to his commandment:

All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

One: Through Christ...now and forever.

All: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC *“Amazing Grace, I Need Thee Every Hour, and It is Well with my Soul”*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Psalm 103:1,2

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: And forget not all God’s benefits.

***HYMN**

“How a Firm Foundation”

#463

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

**the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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***CHARGE**

One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

*"The Banks of the Doon"
Sean & Ginger Mann*

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BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

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