

Order of Worship for November 6, 2022

Gathering Music *Hymn of Promise GTG #250*

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
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Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship *(Hebrews 12:1)* (pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au)

Liturgist

(Liturgist) We remember, O God...The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

(The Congregation) We remember, O God...The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

(The Choir) We remember, O God...The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

(The Elders) We remember, O God...The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

(The Minister) 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!

Hymn *Sing with All the Saints in Glory (on screen)*

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;

in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!

Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.

God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.

Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.

Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!

Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession written by Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink.
<https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>

Liturgist

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Prayer of Confession

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and 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. Hold us, 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. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Words of Forgiveness

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Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

Gloria Patri

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.

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

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God, open our minds that we may learn how reach out to others with your word. Open our hearts that we may learn how to respond to others with generosity. Open our spirits that we may be guided in our actions by your Spirit.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:35-40

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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Sermon

"Doing Works Of Mercy In God's Name"

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

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We, the members and friends of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, have both similar and various beliefs about our faith. We respect and are learning that our differences can make us stronger, more loving, caring, understanding, giving, and forgiving.

We belief in the triune God who has always existed. We believe God is love, unconditional and steadfast. We believe that all God does is done in the spirit of love. God created the universe and all that is in it. God became human in Jesus Christ who taught us about hope, faith, and belief; who calls us to love and forgive; to care and respect all of creation. We believe Jesus Christ endured all kinds of suffering, even death on the cross and that he died, was buried, and rose again for us, so we could

be forgiven. We believe God relates to us in the form of the Holy Spirit who is active in our lives, nurturing us, and guiding our thoughts and decisions. The Holy Spirit helps us understand what it means to be created in the image of God, and blesses us with attributes and gifts specific to each one of us. These attributes and gifts include compassion, love, empathy, and strength which enables us to care for our earth, our wildlife, our pets, ourselves, and one another; helps us to see the beauty that surrounds us; and calls us to work toward forgiveness and peace in the world.

Invitation To The Offertory

Liturgist

There are many signs we claim for our faith but ultimately it is our active love that reveals who we worship. In the spirit of that love may we give graciously of our time, talents, and monies.

Offertory Be Unto Your Name (Choir – words on screen)

We are a moment You are forever

Lord of the ages God before time

We are a vapor You are eternal

Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Highest praises honor and glory

Be unto Your name

Be unto Your name

We are the broken You are the healer

Jesus Redeemer mighty to save

You are the love song we'll sing forever

Bowing before You blessing Your name (chorus)

Ending

Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

Doxology Bless Thou the Gifts

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

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Gracious God, we thank you for our blessings. Please accept these tithes and offerings so they may be used for the building of your kingdom on earth. We ask that you show us the ways that we can best serve you, and use these gifts to glorify you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Communion

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Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord our God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

Hosanna in the highest.

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread and pouring of the Cup
Prayer After Communion*

Hymn For All the Saints GTG # 326

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

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Postlude