



Order of Worship
November 1, 2020
All Saints Sunday

Welcome and Intention Dr. Andy Stoker

Opening Prayer The Reverend Holly Bandel

Remembering Our Saints The Reverend JoNell Lindh

Jim H. Blount
Barbara B. Boger (Bobbie)
Lucia Martha Chawner
John G. Coe, Jr.
Dale Cunningham
Beafer Nell Farr (Sally)
Merna Ford
Beverly J. Funk
Mary L. Gratz
Margaret Gregory
Renee Hallmark

Martha C. Hardt
Stan Harvey
Bob Hillert
Robert Fred Kern
Margaret Liddle
Henrietta Luksa
Francille McCarthy
Peter Ochs
Jane H. Richardson
William Wadleigh (Bill)
Gary Beau Williamson

We also remember extended family and friends of FirstChurch who have passed from this life since our last All Saints Day.

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 The Reverend Bandel

Homily *Blessed Are They* Dr. Stoker

Invitation to the Offering The Reverend Lindh

Offertory *For All The Saints*
Tim Effler, organ Wilbur Held

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Dr. Stoker and the Reverend Bandel

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

We gather in God's name. We claim Christ's promised presence. Not out of dread and fear but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Eternal God, maker of the skies above, Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for pardon.

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me. Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord.

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God, for it is right to give our thanks and praise.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking, which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here, too, our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and cup and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to say....

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

Music During Communion

Come Home
Ken Lambert, tenor

Craig Courtney

Benediction

Dr. Stoker

Participants

Rev. Holly Bandel, Assoc. Minister for Mission & Advocacy; Tim Effler, Organist/Associate Director of Music & Arts; Ken Lambert, Soloist; Rev. JoNell Lindh, Assoc. Minister of Congregational Care; Morgan McClinchie, Media & Technology Mgr.; Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister; Wesley Stoker, Acolyte