

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

Holy God, for all the saints in our lives who have pointed us to you, we give you thanks. We are grateful for the ways they lived and for the ways they showed us your love. As we leave this time of worship, guide us as you guided them, that we may be for others the witness to your love that they have been for us. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that respects the dignity and integrity of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

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MEDITATION

The saints are our brothers and sisters, our mentors and guides
— Pope Francis

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.
— St. Francis of Assisi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Leader: We remember O God...

People: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the sacrifice of parents.

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, brilliant and ordinary.

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God.

People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

OPENING PRAYER

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Holy God, you are our God and we are your people, and we are grateful that you have claimed us as your own. You have set us in the company of saints past and present, who have made Your goodness and Your truth clear to us. Write the stories of Your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust You beyond our fears and follow wherever your Spirit leads. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG*

For All the Saints

(William W. Hon, words; Ralph Vaughan Williams, music)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 529

Verses 1, 2, and 6

SCRIPTURE READING		Hebrews 12:1-3	Cindi Myers	A STORY FROM THE CLOUD	
		Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.		SUNG RESPONSE	
		Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.		Down to the River to Pray Verse 1 - See Insert	
		People: Thanks be to God.		Congregation	
ANTHEM		Shall We Gather at the River <i>(Robert Lowry; Arr. K. Kristoffersen)</i>	UCSJ Choir		
		<i>Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?</i>		SCRIPTURE READING	
		Refrain		Genesis 15:13-14	
		<i>Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.</i>			
		<i>Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.</i> Refrain		And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;	
		<i>Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.</i> Refrain		And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.	
A TRIBUTE TO THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES			Pastor Melinda Veatch	A STORY FROM THE CLOUD	
SCRIPTURE READING		2 Timothy 2:15, 20-21	Terry Thomas	SUNG RESPONSE	
		Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.... In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.		Down to the River to Pray Verse 2 - See Insert	
				Congregation	
				SCRIPTURE READING	
				Colossians 3:12-14	
				Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.	
				A STORY FROM THE CLOUD	
				SUNG RESPONSE	
				Down to the River to Pray Verse 3 - See Insert	
				CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE	
				During this time of silent reflection, you are invited to come to the table and light a candle in remembrance or honor of saints in your life.	
				RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
				Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.	
				PRAYER OF DEDICATION	
				DOXOLOGY*	
				Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	
				PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
				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 sin, 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.	
				CLOSING SONG*	
				We Meet You, O Christ <i>(Fred Kaan, words; Carl F. Schalk, music)</i>	
				HYMN NO. 616	
				Verses 1, 2, and 4	
				Congregation	