

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday; Sacrament of Holy Communion; "The Sermon on the Mount" - Week 8

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: For saints of old,

People: For saints of today,

Leader: We thank you, almighty God!

People: May our songs of praise join those of the saints in heaven!

**Hymn #711 (UMH)

For All the Saints

verses 1, 2, 4, 6

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!**
4. **O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!**
6. **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!**

Unison Prayer (*from presbyterianmission.org*)

Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised. Sustain your saints in ministry, until at last they see their reward: the joy of eternal life with you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints' Act of Remembrance

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Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:7-11

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"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
2. **Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving: *(adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, God of the saints of old, God of the first disciples, God of the members who began this church community 196 years ago, God of all the members of this church community that have called this place home, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations, God of both the living and the dead, for to you all are alive.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, after he had fulfilled all that had been planned for him on earth, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: "Take. Eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said,

All: "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we remember that he, and all the saints that have gone before us, are with us now, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All (singing): Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, on all those in your presence in heaven, and on these gifts of bread and drink. Make these gifts somehow be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we remember today, those who have touched our lives and strengthened our faith, those whom we will see again when Christ comes in final victory, and we all feast, together, at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and in this your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All (singing): Amen (3xs).

Receiving of the Bread and the Cup:

Prayer after Receiving:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may offer ourselves in service to the world in the strength of your Spirit, supported by the presence of the saints of old. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Election Day Prayer: *(written by Rev. Kimberly Deckel)*

Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our democracy and voting system -- a system that continues to suffer from inequity. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a humble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in you. We commend this nation to your care, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

Announcements

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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**Doxology #95 (UMH)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host -- Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, bless these gifts, and use them to your glory, that we may continue the good works of the saints of old, as we reach out to the people of today. Amen.

****Hymn #702 (UMH)**

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- 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 the 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!"**

****Blessing and Sending**

****Choral Benediction #672 (UMH)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

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Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. You are always welcome here! To be added to our email list, ask questions, request pastoral care, or explore the possibility of membership, contact the church office at umcofnewcity@gmail.org or call (845) 634-1758.

Sunday School is held during the worship service directly following the Children's Message. Sunday School is for those Pre-K (potty trained) through 6th Grade.

For online giving, please visit our website at newcityumc.org

Our thrift shop, Angel's Attic, is open Saturdays 9am-2pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

We are a Reconciling Church; we fully love and accept ALL, including LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

Our Mission Statement is "Serving God through Serving Our Community."

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