

21th Sunday After Pentecost
Service Order 11/1/20

Welcome

Rev. Lori

Prelude

Carlos

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us mingle our memories and our hopes together, for today is a special day.

People: Today we celebrate All Saints' Day.

Leader: Saints are made by listening to the call of God and saying, "Yes."

People: Hidden in a whisper or proclaimed in a hurting world, the call of God touches our hearts.

Leader: and we give thanks for all who have attended to the call.

People: Heroes and nobodies, the ordinary and the talented, the walking and the wounded.

Leader: We give thanks for the ones who've gone before us and made it easier for us to believe in God

People: and live the life of faith.

All Saints Day is a day of remembrance, to recall our loved ones who have died over the past year, to collectively remember the faithfulness of God in life and death, and that there is a vision of the future with hope, with God's reign enduring forever. Let us prayerfully remember these people who have gone before us:

Name of the Saints from our congregation (with Kathy Tock and ?)

For all the Saints, we remember their faithfulness, we remember how they have witnessed to us and with us, and we are encouraged to live our lives in faithfulness. Habakkuk encourages us to be faithful to God's vision, and Isaiah reminds us to be faithful to God's ways over worldly ways. Worldly ways call us to judge, to despise, even to hate; God's ways call us to love, to welcome and embrace, to love and forgive. When we look at the witness of those who have gone before us, we remember

their love and faithfulness, and are called to live into the same way, the same vision from God for life now, and eternity.

Dedication of Memorial gifts (with Carol Bunting)

Dear friends, we gather to dedicate our memorial equipment to the glory of God and to the strengthening of God's message into our world. We are grateful that the life of our congregation may be enhanced, deepened and enriched through meetings, worship, social gatherings, educational events and spiritual renewal. With grateful hearts we consecrate and dedicate the TV screens to the glory of God. In grateful remembrance of those who have loved and served this church in the past, we give thanks for the memorial gifts of the following families:

(Reading of the name whose memorial gifts provided funds for ministry)

We dedicate ourselves to the service of God through the ministries of Mahomet UMC and wherever we go. Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Most loving God, you have given us a great multitude of witnesses whose lives have testified to the amazing power of our Son's resurrection. By your presence among us, teach us the truth of life everlasting. Through this day of remembrance of those who have gone before us, may you grant inspiration to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Keep us on the way of truth until we, too, join in endless celebration with all your saints in splendor. In the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Hymn #711

For All the Saints

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Stewardship moment

Offering

Special Music

Jay

Scripture Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon

Soul Food: Eat to Live

Service of Communion/Lord's Prayer

Closing Praise #620

One Bread, One Body

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Benediction

Postlude

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