

Myerstown United Church of Christ

All Saint's Sunday

November 3, 2019

Worship Time 8:00 am

Brief Service of the Word

The Gifts of the Past

Prelude *Pastoral "Symphony"* George Friderich Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection [Leader/All]

As we begin, we remember that all of life is an act of praise to God.

Our worship extends to the fellowship and service that takes place all week long.

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

(will all who are able, please stand)

*Opening Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* next page
(please be seated)

A Reading from the Epistles Hebrews 12:1-2

Listen for the Word of God in the instructions given to the Hebrews , chapter 12, verses 1 & 2. The author is encouraging them to look at Jesus as an example.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is where the Epistle Lesson for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost ends. May we be blessed.

Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
Irregular

[the congregation may be seated]
Homily *The Cloud Is All Around Us* Jim Yoder
Tables of Abundance

*Invitation to the Table

*The Act of Confession

*An Invitation to Reconciliation

*Acknowledgment of Shortcomings

We confess that at times we forget that we, too, will be the “ancestors” of those to come. We sometimes think only of ourselves whether our own plates will be full, whether our own needs are met. Amen.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Reconciliation

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! .

Glory and gratitude be to God. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

And also with you.

Though sometimes they be heavy, lift up your hearts to God.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, for God is always present.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

[the congregation may be seated]

Reading of the Memorial Roll

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Acclamation and Proclamation

Laying a banquet for all because of this mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Blessing

Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking & Pouring

The Act of Communing with God and Each Other

We Go Forth to Serve

[will all who are able please stand]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us offer our thanks for God’s gift in Jesus.

All blessing, honor, and glory, all wisdom, praise, and thanks be yours, O God of our salvation! We pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven. Bless us with your healing presence; make us hungry for justice; strengthen our faith; and increase our love for others. Amen.

*Benediction

And now we pray blessings on our feasting:

The feast of life, the feast of love, the feast of grace,

The feast of mercy, the feast of grief, and the feast of acceptance

The feast of letting go and the feast that is moving forward.

*Recessional Hymn #529 *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

Moments of Silent Meditation

Postlude *Fugue in C* Johann Sebastian Bach

Acknowledgements

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Emily's grandparents and Herb and Kay Zellers by the Brian Zellers family.

We thank the Decorating Committee for preparing the chancel area to receive our Cloud of Witnesses represented by the cloud cards.

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Prayer List

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Nancy Brown                              | Rosene Duffy                       | Larry Eisenhauer |
| Ellen Goodyear                           | Ruthann Snoke                      | Joyce Mitstifer  |
| Jewel Fessler (Kathy Grose)              | Linda Feaser (Kathy Grose)         |                  |
| Suzanne Fritsch (Stephen Fritsch)        | Bill Gracely (Margo McQuate)       |                  |
| Dennis Palm (former Scout Master)        | Ralph Woynarowski (Sara Zeller)    |                  |
| Rosalla Hollenbach (Trudy Yeager)        | Joanne Frantz (Emily Frantz)       |                  |
| David Mock (Ed & Candy Hibshman)         | James Haines (Ed & Candy Hibshman) |                  |
| Heather & Elvin Perez (Marianne Fritsch) | Steve Norford (Margo McQuate)      |                  |

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Preaching Schedule

	November 10	Jim Yoder	
November 17	Peter Schmiechen	November 24	Peter Hook
	Jim Yoder will be preaching	all of Advent	

Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, November 3
8:00 am Worship; Jim Yoder, preaching
8:45 am Small group meetings.
9:40 am Choir rehearsal
10:00 am Worship, Jim Yoder, preaching
11:00 am Personnel Committee

Monday, November 4
8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Tuesday, November 5
11:00 am Lebanon Assoc Ministerium, Bethany Children's Hm
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Pastor Office Hours [preferably by appointment]
8:00 pm Greater Harrisburg Chorus Concert

Wednesday, November 6
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Scouts

Thursday, November 7
8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study [library]

Friday, November 8
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10
8:00 am Worship; Jim Yoder, preaching
8:45 am Small group meetings
9:40 am Choir rehearsal
10:00 am Worship, Jim Yoder, preaching

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Announcements

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place next Sunday, November 10th. There will be only one service that morning at 9 am. The meeting to follow the service.

**LAST CHANCE!:** Since there is only one service on November 10th, there is an opportunity for folks who normally attend the early service to sing in the choir.

It's also an opportunity for late service people to participate in a special musical event. If you are interested / willing, please contact Emily.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** At the Annual Meeting on November 10, 2019, we will vote on some amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws. Major changes include removing the list and descriptions of committees and task groups including term limits that we find impossible to follow. Committees will now be controlled by Council so adjustments can be made as needed (See Section 4.1 of the By-laws). We adjusted the terms for Elders to coordinate with having 4 Elders rather than 6, a change we made three years ago (See Section 4.2) We also added the word *active before member* in several locations to emphasize that quorums will be determined based on active membership. We replaced general mailing with communication to reflect our current use of electronic as well as paper communications (See Constitution Section 7.2, By-laws Section 5.3 and 5.4). Copies of the current [white paper] and proposed [pink] By-Laws are available on the information table.

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR GARRETT BOOK.** The service will be held today and begins at 3:00 pm. It will take place at Christ UCC, 200 S White Oak St, Annville.

**EMILY FRANTZ** will be on vacation from November 15th through the 30th. Please contact the church office with any concerns normally directed to her.

**GREATER HARRISBURG CHORUS CONCERT** will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, at 8:00 pm. Quentin UCC [intersection of Rts 72 and 419] is the host for the concert. Two pre-paid tickets have been sent to the church office. First-come, first-served. Tickets can be purchased at the door. UCC Homes will receive the proceeds from the ticket sales. You can get the tickets from the Church Secretary.

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Worship Assistants for November 10, 2019

9:00 am Service **Open Church:** Mark Herr
Greeters: Jim & Beth Diehm **Worship Leader:** Doug Bohannon
Sound: Paulie McQuate
Ushers: Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash, Kenny Patrick
Counting Team: Kathy Grose, Charles & Carolyn Williams

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**Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ**

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 Lindy Bennetch----- Financial Administrator  
 Jim Yoder----- Church Secretary  
 Elicia Frank----- Custodian

**Worship Assistants**

*Appreciation to the following who participated in today's service:*

**Organist** Mark Herr

8:00 am Service

**Open Church** Cal Beamesderfer

**Greeter** Shirley Krall **Worship Leader** William Arnold

**Communion Servers:** William & Betty Arnold

10:00 am Service

**Greeter** Ed & Candy Hibshman **Sound:** Paulie McQuate

**Worship Leaders** Steve & Marianne Fritsch

**Ushers** Youth, Kenny Patrick

**Counting Team** Carol & Ted Batdorff, Daryll Brown

**Communion Servers:** Travis Bicher, Angie Bicher, Marianne Fritsch, Emily Frantz, Charles & Carolyn Williams

Stewardship Report for Sunday, October 27, 2019

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|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| General Fund            | \$3,081 | OCWM              | \$180 |
| Church Improvement Fund |         | \$250             |       |
| Attendance 8 am:        | 17      | Attendance 10 am: | 54    |