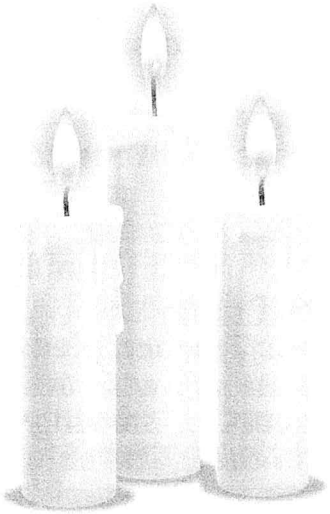
All Saints' Sunday/Holy Communion
November 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.



OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. Bernadine Johnson

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

Our words and our witness still matter. God speaks deeper in the exchange to bring a meeting of heart, mind, and will, and the possibility of transformation. We are chosen and tested and are witnesses in partnership with the whole church and the abiding presence of God, who confirms our words and receives our offering of praise and service. For that, we can always give thanks.

Prelude "Send Us Your Spirit" by Dan Schutte

Graceful Engagement
Good morning, Church, I see you!
I am here!

Pastoral Greeting

*Opening Song "Sanctuary" *2x* FWS 2164

*Call to Worship
We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.
We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

cont.

We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.
Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age.

*Opening Hymn "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" *all verses* UMH 67

*Unison Prayer
God, our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to live in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Give us Your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of Your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May Your kin-dom come with power and gentleness as we strive to live as embodied witnesses of the good news in Christ Jesus. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 The Message

Response
Here ends the reading.
May we be blessed with insight and understanding that inspires.

Children's Message
One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**
Children are invited to join adult leaders for a short learning time following the message. They rejoin us here in worship as we bless our offering in song and prayer.

Sermon "Witnesses"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Caring for Community
Be sure to write prayer requests, joys and concerns on the prayer board.

Pastoral Prayer of Remembrance

Unison Prayer of Remembrance
We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before. Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.

Invitation to Giving

*Doxology "Give Thanks" FWS 2036, abbreviated

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

*Blessing Prayer

Eternal God, we give You thanks for the saints who have gone before us - those whose lives bore witness to Your grace and whose faith still shapes the church we share today. As we remember them with gratitude, we offer these gifts as signs that their witness continues through us. Open our eyes to see Your work in the world. Use our voices to give witness to what we have seen of Your love and mercy. Use these offerings to strengthen Your church, that our lives may also become a testimony to Your living Word at work among us. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome at this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Reconciling Action

The Great Thanksgiving UMH p.17 Musical Setting A

The Lord's Prayer
Pray in the language & version of the prayer that most speaks your heart.

Instructions/Giving and Receiving

Responsive Prayer of Thanks

*Responsive Sending Forth
May God bless you with reminders of the saints who have gone before.
Let us be inspired by their witness.
May you live as witnesses to Love here and now.
And may God surround us with the assurance that nothing - neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation - can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus!

*Final Blessing/Call to Discipleship
Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "For All the Saints" *vs. 1, 4, 6* UMH 711

*Postlude "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" from UMH 712

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Lectionary readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *"Joshua calls Israel to serve God";* Psalm 78:1-7 *"The power of God";* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *"The promise of the resurrection";* Matthew 25:1-13 *"Wise and foolish bridesmaids"*

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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