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Order of Worship

All Saints' Day

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — Two Trios in C Major — Georg Andreas Sorge

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRELUDE — “St. Denio” (“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”) — Wilbur Held

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to come and ask for what we need.

People: So we ask ourselves: what do we need?

Leader: God invites us to be honest—with ourselves, with others, and in prayer.

People: We listen with our hearts and open our minds.

Leader: God invites us to use the gifts we are given.

People: We come to be equipped for God's good work.

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #12 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (8:30 vv. 1 and 2)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, you offer us the gift of wisdom, and we confess we would prefer the right to judge. We have definite ideas about who deserves our care, and what that care should look like. Forgive us, loving God, for even passing thoughts that any of your beloved children are beneath our attention. Forgive us when we choose condemnation over compassion. Forgive us for letting our egos get in the way of your wisdom. Give us listening hearts that we might take seriously the honor of serving others.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA #583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30) — “Search Me, O God” — Joshua Evanovich

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) — Sherry Lundry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Kings 3:4-15— p. 306 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Kings 3:16-28— p. 306 in OT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE — “The Wisdom to Choose Wisdom”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #174 — “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” (10:30 only)**

TESTIMONY (10:30) — Share God's Abundance: TIME—Jim and Jane Owen

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”— Dona Kasbohm

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(10:30) — “God Is My Shepherd” — Antonin Dvořák

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***Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

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.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #326 — “For All the Saints”** (8:30 vv. 1 and 3)

Verse 1: ALL; Verse 2: WOMEN’S VOICES; Verse 3: CHOIR; Verse 4: MEN’S VOICES; Verse 5: ALL

***ALL-CHURCH PRAYER** (back of bulletin insert)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “God Be with You” — Dale Wood**

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***POSTLUDE — “Sine nomine” (“For All the Saints”) — Paul Leddington Wright**

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Ministers: All the Members of the Congregation

Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

Liturgist: Angie Varney (8:30)

Marty Snyder (10:30)

Music Staff:

Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

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