

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

November 1, 2020

All Saint's Day and Commitment Sunday



Preparation *We remember our saints with gratitude.*

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Still

Ein'Feste Burg, Martin Luther

Bell Ringers: Dave & Kathi Cook,

St. Anne, William Croft

Linda & Lou Cravotta, Sarah Mayhew

Arr. Bill Ingram

Mike Moore, Carolyn Sherrill, Helen Taylor, Ewen Todd

Director: Irene Shutt

Cello: Barbara Fretwell-Cooke

Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Call to Worship

One: We remember, O God...

All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

One: We remember, O God...

All: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

One: We remember, O God...

All: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

One: We remember, O God...

All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent,
strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us remember those who have entered the church triumphant with joy!

Remembrance of the Saint's

*Names will be read in pairs of five
with a handbell ringing at the end of each pair*

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Bagpipes: Terry Carroll

Prayer of Confession:

One: When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession. Join me as we pray:

All: **Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

One: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

All: **Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!**

Hymn #326

For All The Saints, vs. 1, 3, 5

[Sine Nomine]

Children's Lesson

Rev. Peggy Huston

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 1: 10-18

Sermon

"Final Pocket – The Pocket of Tithing"

Dedication of 2021 Stewardship Commitment Cards

Rev. Peggy Huston

Holy Communion

Please have bread and juice, or some grain and liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together. .

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann

Soloist: Maria Schoon

Piano: Connor Koppin

Moment for Mission

Nancy Frank

Hymn #712

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought, vs. 1-3

[Forest Green]

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

Fugato on "Sine Nomine"

Richard Proulx

Liturgist: Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

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	<p><i>Rev. Peggy Casteel-Huston, Interim Minister</i> <i>Rev. Alice Fleming Townley, Assistant Pastor</i> <i>Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organist</i> <i>Connor Koppin, Choir Director</i> <i>Irene Shutt, Handbell Choir Director</i> <i>Sue Schnackenberg, CE Director for Youth & Children</i> <i>Edward Ennen, Sexton</i> <i>Anna Thiel, Office Manager</i> <i>Ben Baldwin, Video Editor</i> <i>Maria Schoon, Soloist</i> <i>Natalie Sweeney, Soloist</i></p>