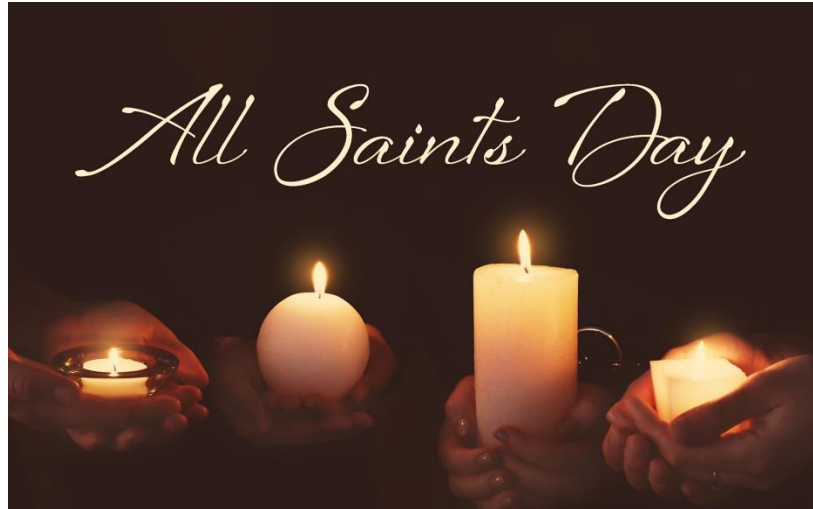


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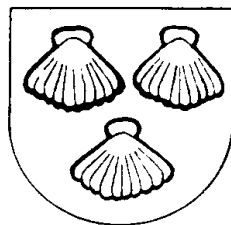
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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 1)

UMH 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

ONE: Bless the Lord at all times.
Praise God’s holy name.
Magnify the Lord with hearts full of devotion.
Sing of God’s glory with tongues full of song.
Seek the Lord of love.
We will worship the living God.

Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

God of mercy and grace, shower us with your loving kindness.
Fashion us into the saints you call us to be.
Love us abundantly, that others may see your kindness and joy reflected in our lives.
Bless us with your abiding presence, that we may shine as saints of your holy love. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning

Nancy Janson

We yearn to be counted among the saints of old, but the journey is long and difficult.
We long to love others as we should, even when they revile and hate us.
We seek to forgive those who wrong us, even when it means swallowing our pride.
We strive for the openness of spirit to pray for those who persecute us,
even when we want to hold onto our wounds.
Guide us on this journey of discipleship, that we may grow as your children and live as saints of your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

“For All the Saints” (vs. 1 – 4)

UMH 711

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest
Alleluia alleluia

2. Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might
Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light
Alleluia alleluia

3. O may thy soldiers faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold
Alleluia alleluia

4. O blest communion fellowship divine
We feebly struggle they in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine
Alleluia alleluia

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Children’s Moment

Donna Benson

Hymn of Preparation

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 2)

UMH 451

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12 (CEB)

Nancy Janson

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

UMH 629

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us O saving Lord
The bread of life to eat

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family
Lord we follow and rejoice
Refrain

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this heavenly food
Refrain

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured
Do not one cup one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord
Refrain

4. The mystery of your presence Lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell
Refrain

5. You give yourself to us O Lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity
Refrain

Message

“Blessed to Become”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Honoring Our Saints

Members: Mary Jo Ridgely 12/24/2022; Marilyn Dougherty 02/25/2023, Mary Leslie Edmondson 03/04/2023; Clarence Edmondson 10/10/2023

Family Members: Ida Smith, aunt of John Sirk; Alice LaMarsh, mother of Anna Riggin; Gil Brown, brother of Helen Dick; Henry Hover, brother of Dale Switzer and uncle of Donna Benson; Ruth Calary, aunt of Debbie Bostron; Christina McDonough, niece of Jan Petrosch

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Nancy Janson

Offering

***Doxology**

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 3)
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

UMH 451

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Offering Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All who hunger for love, come to the bread of life.

Here, all are fed.

All who thirst for the cup of blessing, come to the table of grace.

Here, all are made whole.

All who need mercy and grace, come to the Lamb of God.

Here, all find a home.

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

UMH 9 - 11

***Closing Hymn**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

UMH 384

3. Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

4. Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

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Benediction

Blessed are you, beloved children of God.
We will walk in the love given to us.
Be a blessing to all God's children.
We will serve others with the grace we have received.
Walk in the footsteps of the saints of old.
**We will step gently upon the earth
and leave puddles of light for others to follow.**

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

This week's readings describe the coming realm of God.
How does the reality of heaven shape your life in prayer and in service?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning,
giving me a new start
and another day to live for you.
The light of day reminds me
of the overwhelming love you give to us—
such that you even call us your children.
Let me live this day in gratitude,
showing your love in all that I say and do;
for the sake of your son, Jesus,
in whose name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of the heavens,
I cannot count the stars you have strewn across the sky,
nor can I measure the grace you have poured out upon me.
Thank you for the gifts of this day, for they show me your generosity.
Thank you for its challenges, for in them I find your wisdom and strength.
Bless all those I have met today,

and forgive me for the ways I have caused harm.
Keep me in your care this night;
and if I do not awaken in the morning,
receive me into the glorious company of all the saints.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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