

## ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

All Saint's Day

**PRELUDE** (Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

### **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME** – *A hearing assistance system and large print materials are available. Please see an usher.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

**Leader:** In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**People:** **we come to be your people, O God.**

**Leader:** Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**People:** **we come to be your people, O God.**

**Leader:** Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

**People:** **we come to be your people, O God.**

**Leader:** Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

**People:** **we come to be your people, O God.**

**ALL:** **May we truly become your people today. Amen.**

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**HYMN**      *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*      **UMH 712**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, <sup>3</sup>those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. <sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. <sup>6</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord in

their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. <sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. <sup>33</sup>He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, <sup>34</sup>and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there. <sup>35</sup>He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; <sup>36</sup>there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. <sup>37</sup>They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

### **WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **\*BLESSING THE OFFERING**

### **HONORING THE SAINTS (*please see insert*)**

### **COMMUNION LITURGY**

**UMH 13**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Leader:** Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

**People:** **We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom we have our victory. Amen.**

— Rev. Mindi, on her *Rev-o-lution* website

**HYMN**

*Hymn of Promise*

**UMH 707**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Revelation 7:9–17**

**MESSAGE**

**“The Other Side of the Curtain”**

**\*HYMN**

*Victory In Jesus*

**UMH 370**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Go out into the world; and in our words and in our lives bear witness to the Christ who has ascended to be everywhere present. And as you come to know him, may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you, and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ's inheritance.

**People:** **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* **UMH 349**

## **EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES**

## **POSTLUDE**

Music Director: Mike Nelson  
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift  
Liturgist: Nancy Wachter  
ASL Interpreter Nathanael Davis

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GIVE *thanks*  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS  
GOOD; HIS  
*love endures*  
*forever.*

Psalm 107:1

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## HONORING THE SAINTS

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**People: Family of our faith, we remember you.**

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

**People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, light a candle and give thanks for their life. If family or friends are present, they may say a few words about their loved one as they come forward to light the candle.

*(Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.)*

**William “Kenny” McAllister**

**Thomas “Tom” Jones**

**Francis Tull**

**Bonnie Hiewski**

**William “Paul” Nelson**

Leader: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and now come to the table to celebrate our connection with You, the saints who have gone before and the saints to come. As you come up for Communion I invite anyone who has lost a loved one in the last year to come forward and light a small candle.

## **❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧**

FRUITLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (FIS) — All items for the FIS meal bags are due by November 15. The bags will be packed on November 22.

FRUITLAND BAPTIST CHURCH TURKEY DRIVE — Deadline for the collection of funds for the Turkey Drive is November 20.

MISSIONS MEETING: Next Sunday after the service.

FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK — Monthly requests include diced tomatoes, soups, canned meats, tomato sauce, canned greens (any type), canned potatoes, peas. And toilet paper.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT — Requests include corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, rice, beans, and feminine hygiene products.

PRAYER CHAIN — Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423.

SOCIAL HOUR — See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.