

All Saints' Sunday



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WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2023
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Today is a communion Sunday. Before joining the worship service, you are invited to get whatever you eat and whatever you drink. It can be bread and grape juice or wine or as simple as a cracker or rice cake and water for use in our worship.

“Jazz means working things out musically with other people. You have to listen to other musicians and play with them even if you don’t agree with what they’re playing. It teaches you the very opposite of racism and anti-Semitism. It teaches you that the world is big enough to accommodate us all.”

Wynton Marsalis

PRELUDE “The Old Rugged Cross”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Hebrews 11)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
**and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

God calls us to be saints, together with all those
who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In the company of all the saints we cry:
Praise to God! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God!**

*HYMN 147 “Blessing and Honor”

**Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Give we to Christ who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.**

**Hear through the heavens the sound of the Name,
While rings the earth with Christ's glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo these praises and tell of God's power.**

**Ever ascending the song and the prayer;
Ever descending the love that we share;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise--
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.**

* OPENING PRAYER

**The evening comes early and the temperature drops, O God. We look and listen as autumn
tells of your bounty and beauty, and of endings and harvest.**

**All that we have comes from you. We thank you for your love that unites us in sorrow and
joy. Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we thank you for your care and compassion
as boundless as the universe yet as close as falling tears. Be with us in our worship, work in
us and through us for your purposes of peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#516, vs. 1 & 2)

**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:**

**yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,
ours a commitment we know never ends.**

**Here, at your table, confirm our intention
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.**

ANTHEM “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “Pennies from Heaven”

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(The children are dismissed to Children’s Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

At all times I will bless the Lord,
whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me

and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses the God-fearing,
and the Lord will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

Fear the Lord, you holy ones,
for those who are God-fearing lack nothing.

**The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

[Unison]

**The Lord ransoms the life of those chosen to serve,
and none will be punished who trust in the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-10

SERMON “Doing Church Differently”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

**We thank you, O Christ,
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes**

you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.
May they speak to us
of the everyday made holy,
of life made new,
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and renewed us for your service.
Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast at your table in glory;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 449 “My Lord! What a Morning”

Refrain:

**My Lord! what a morning,
My Lord! what a morning!
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God’s right hand
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

**You will hear the sinner cry
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God’s right hand
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

**You will hear the Christian shout
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In"

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TODAY

❖	Church School Breakfast	9:00 am
	Christian Education	9:15 am
	Worship Service	10:15 am
	Children's Church	During Worship
	Choir Rehearsal	After Worship
	Confirmation Class	4:00 pm

TUESDAY

❖	Board of Christian Education	6:30 pm
	Mission Board	7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

❖	Church School Breakfast	9:00 am
	Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am
	Christian Education	9:15 am
	Worship Service	10:15 am
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	Choir Rehearsal	After Worship

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.
Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are welcome.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Each year on the First Sunday in November, Congregational UCC observes “All Saints Sunday.” This is a time for us to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those members of Congregational UCC who have died in the past year—and for all the saints. This year we remember Sandy Boyd, Lee Wood, Marge Hoppin, and Candace Noble. Our worship service on this day is both solemn and joyful, befitting a congregation of people who live in the light of the resurrection. As is our custom, a jazz band leads our worship on this morning to help us look toward that day when the saints go marchin’ in. Our friend, the well-known local jazz pianist Dick Watson, is joined by Lynne Hart on sax, Gary Palmer on bass and Craig Wood on drums.

WE WILL RECEIVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) OFFERING THIS MORNING: NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

INTERFAITH PEACE VIGIL THIS EVENING, Sunday, November 5, at Mercer-Scanlon Gym, 2701 Bradford Drive, Iowa City
Mourning all the lives lost in Israel & Gaza. Praying for the safety of those who remain in danger. This will be a shared communal space for prayer and contemplation. Please help us to build the spirit of the event by leaving flags, signage, and political slogans at home.

ADULT EDUCATION LOOKS TOWARD ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Join Marsha Lowe and Bill Lovin around the fireplace in Rockwood Hall at 9:15 on Sunday mornings beginning next Sunday. Come and experience Scripture passages leading up to and including the Christmas story.

11/12 Keep Awake - Setting the stage and the context for the Christmas story

11/19 Isaiah 40:3-5 and Matthew 3:1-17 Experiencing the Scriptures with the 5 Senses

11/26 Thanksgiving Sunday - no adult education

12/3 The Magnificat-Mary's Song Luke 1:46-55 Lectio Divina

12/10 Special Music Sunday-no adult education

12/17 The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20 What does this say about God? about people? about the relationship between God and people?

PLEASE HELP WITH PARKING IN THE CHURCH LOT: A number of people currently have mobility issues and need to park in our small parking lot off of Jefferson St. If you are able, please park elsewhere so that the marked and unmarked spaces can be used by those who need them. Thanks.

OPEN HEARTLAND CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to sponsor a family of 4, 5, 6, or 7+ people, please contact Deb Dunkhase at Open Heartland by

Monday, November 6 or directly email their special email account just for holiday giving: openheartlandholiday@gmail.com. Indicate how large a family is desired, and Open Heartland will respond with the list of items from the family, then the shopping can begin. Other options for the Alternative Giving period in our church is a monetary donation, payable to Open Heartland, PO Box 3357 Iowa City, IA 52244. Last year OH was able to give each family a gift of \$100 to spend on what the family determines is needed.

INSIDE OUT REENTRY COMMUNITY TRIVIA NIGHT: Thursday, November 9, 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 2355 Oakdale Rd., Coralville. Tickets are \$20/individual, \$100/team of six. Book in advance at www.insideoutreentry.com. Tickets are \$25/person at the door.

OUR NEXT HOPE LODGE DINNER will be Monday, November 13. There is a signup sheet in Rockwood Hall.

NEW FURNACES AND AIR CONDITIONERS WERE INSTALLED IN THE SUMMER. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP: We received a major gift from a family in the congregation to help pay for the new units. Many other members would like to be a part of funding this project. Your gifts to the HVAC Fund will mean that we will need to use less of our reserves for this project. Thanks for your generous giving.

DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH KEY? We have made new keys and are working at getting a better list of people who have keys. If you have a key to the church, please contact Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, at (608) 807-7195 or at kd Richards1958@gmail.com. Thanks.

SEE SOMETHING—SAY SOMETHING: If you notice something in the building that needs attention—a leaky faucet, a loose railing, etc.—please let the church office or Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, know right away. You can reach Kevin at (608) 807-7195 or at kd Richards1958@gmail.com. Thanks.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: There are still some opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST ON SUNDAY MORNING? This is a great opportunity to welcome people and to lead them in worship. Bill Lovin provides the material. You provide the spirit. Contact Bill if you are interested or would like more information.



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WE LIVE STREAM OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING.

You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/154m7852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.