

**Order of Worship**  
November 1st 2020 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

We remember, O God...

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

We remember, O God...

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

We remember, O God...

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

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,  
young and old,  
dead and living,  
articulate and silent,  
strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

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

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...**

**let us worship God with joy!**

**Amen.**

~ adapted from [Desperate Preacher's](#) website.

## Hymn of Praise

### [For All The Saints](#)

#### Verse 1

For all the saints  
Who from their labours rest  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus  
Be forever blest  
Alleluia

#### Verse 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

#### Verse 3

O blest communion  
Fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle  
They in glory shine  
Yet all are one in Thee  
For all are Thine  
Alleluia

#### Verse 4

And when the strife is fierce  
The warfare long  
Steals on the ear  
The distant triumph song  
And hearts are brave again  
And arms are strong  
Alleluia

#### Verse 5

The golden evening  
Brightens in the west  
Soon soon to faithful  
Warriors cometh rest  
Sweet is the calm  
Of paradise the blest  
Alleluia

#### Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds  
From ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl  
Streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father  
Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia

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## Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

~ written by the Rev. Dr. Letty Russell

## Special Music

*Family*

performed by Dolly Parton

## Scripture Reading

Marion Garrett, reader

*Hebrews 12:1-3 (The Message)*

1-3 Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

*Matthew 12:22-28*

22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

*The Election*

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

Kim Rogers, reader

**Offertory**

*With One Voice*

Matt Redman & Steven Curtis Chapman

**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

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**Communion**

**Lord's Prayer**

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

### [They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love](#)

#### Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

#### Chorus

And they'll know we are  
Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are  
Christians

By our love

#### Verse 2

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the  
news  
That God is in our land

#### Verse 3

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's  
dignity  
And save each man's pride

#### Verse 4

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one

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## Back Talk

### Closing Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for our boundless blessings. As we head into a week in which decisions will be made regarding the future of our nation and state, we pray that your will be done. We pray for all those in positions of leadership and for all of those seeking office. We pray for peace, unity, and healing in America. We ask that you help us remember that every human being is created in your image. Where there is division, lead us to be your reconciling presence. We also ask that you help each of us love as you love. In your strong name Lord Jesus, we pray, **Amen.**

## Blessing

### Postlude

*Can You Feel The Love Tonight*  
Elton John & Jim Rice

**Our love in action now begins...**

Our Sunday School is next...

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Michael Schoepe.