



All Saints Recognition Sunday

Thank you for participating in a unified worship of First Congregational United Church of Christ and Christ United Methodist Church for World Communion Sunday. Today's service will include communion. If you plan to participate in the sacrament, have some bread and appropriate beverage on hand.

We will also be acknowledging those who have died in the past year. We invite you to include lighting a candle as a way to participate in this All Saints Day observance

Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Transition to Worship

Prelude

**Call to Worship

One: See how God loves us!

All: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

One: See how Christ loves us!

All: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

One: See how the Spirit loves us!

All: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

**Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn

“For All the Saints”
vs. 1-3, 5

NCH #299

Scripture

Matthew 5:4

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them and be their God;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.”

Sermon

Litany of Remembrance

One: We remember this day, those whose journey of life on earth ended during the past year. As each name is read, a bell will chime. May the sound carry our thoughts and prayers for those who grieve.

Eternal God, make us this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who compass us about:
Those who in every age and generation witnessed to their faith in life and in death;
Those who by their courage and their sacrifice won for us the freedom and liberty we enjoy.
Those who served their siblings at the cost of pain, of persecution and of death;
Those for whom all the trumpets sounded as they passed over to the other side;
Those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with you, and whose names are written on our hearts.

All: We call them sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, grandparents, friends and neighbors. You call them your beloved children.

The names of those who have died during the past year are read. The observance concludes with prayer.

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH #707

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin - i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise; but-ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Our ministries rely on the generosity of our members and friends. If you would like to make a financial contribution to support our work in Great Falls and beyond, you can send checks to P.O. Box 6303, Great Falls, MT 59406 or use the corresponding QR codes.

First Congregational UCC Donations:



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Offertory

“O Sing”

K. Potter

****Doxology and Presentation**

Tune: Old 100th (NCH #7)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

****Prayer of Dedication**

We Gather with the Saints at Christ’s Table

Invitation to the Table

One: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

All: In company with the saints of every time and all time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

One: The invitation to this table is for everyone for it is Christ’s and not mine. The one who offers this table is the one who invited children and outcasts, leaders and soldiers, women and men, the lonely, the sought-after. The one who invites us to this table is the one who celebrates the image of God within each of us. The invitation is offered. It is ours to accept.

Communion Prayer

The Meal is Served

Online participants can participate with the use of their own elements. Online participants can also participate in the lighting of candles in remembrance of those who have died by lighting a candle during this time.

The United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church both celebrate an open communion table, recognizing that Christ is the host and invites all to the feast.

After the servers are in place, you will be invited to receive the elements at the front of the sanctuary. A piece of bread will be handed to you. Those wishing to commune by intinction can dip the bread into the chalice to receive the bread and cup together. Others can eat at the bread and

receive the cup from the individual cups of grape juice. Empty cups can be deposited in a bowl as you return to your seat. Gluten-free alternatives are available on the table.

Those wishing to light a candle in memory of friends and loved ones can do so after receiving communion.

Other prayer requests can be brought forward and laid on the table during this time as well.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of this bread of heaven and cup of your new covenant. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

**Hymn

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

UMH #712

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" in 4/4 time. It is a unison setting. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

Unison

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right for
hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The world is bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a
one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was
meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the

The score includes the following chords: C, Dm, Am, G, G7, C, Am, F, C, G, C, G, Am, Em, F, G7, C, G, D7, G, C, F, Dm, G, C.

Am F G7 C Am Em

shep-herd-ess on the green; they were all of them saints of
 slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an-y rea-son,
 sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, wheth-er

F G7 C Am F Dm C G7 C

God, and I mean, God help-ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

****Benediction**

Postlude (*please be seated for the postlude*)

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