

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S CREATION IV— ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY- Eucharist

PRELUDE “Sine Nomine” – Donald Busarow

Litany of Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God

For Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith, journeying into the unknown, yet trusting God's promises: **Stand here beside us**

For Moses the Lawgiver and Aaron the priest, who led the people of Israel to freedom and the promised land: **Stand here beside us**

For Hagar, a black Egyptian slave woman exploited and abandoned: **Stand here beside us**

For Esther and Deborah, saviors of their nation, and for all who dare to act courageously at God's call: **Stand here beside us**

For Isaiah, John the Baptist and all the prophets, who spoke your truth no matter the cost: **Stand here beside us**

For all who reform the Church of God: **Stand here beside us**

For all who praise God in poetry and song: **Stand here beside us**

For all who nurture faith in home and family: **Stand here beside us**

For all work to transform the world: **Stand here beside us**

For the martyrs and peacemakers of our own time, who shine as lights in the darkness: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Guernica, Sharpeville and Birmingham, and for all victims of lynchings, in their undeserved deaths: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Coventry, Dresden, Tokyo, and all victims of bombing, caught in a sea of fire: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, pierced by needles of flame: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Auschwitz, Dachau, and all concentration camps, in their despair and dying: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Armenia and Rwanda, objects of genocide: **Stand here beside us**

Innocents of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, Darfur, God's wheat ground in the mill of war:

Stand here beside us

(During the silence, you are invited to call out the names of those whom you wish to remember.)

For Mary the Virgin, full of grace, called to be the mother of Jesus: **Stand here beside us**

For Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, first witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who bear witness to Christ:

For Thea Bowman joyous black American evangelist

Komyo Buddhist founder of hospices for the suffering of Nara, Japan

A'isha Bint Abi Bakr Sunni Muslim religious teacher in Arabia

For Peter and Paul and all the apostles, who preached the gospel to Jew and Gentile.

For the writers of the gospels, and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation:

For all the unsung heroes of our faith, whose names are known to God alone.

For all those in our lives who have brought us to this time and place and shown us the way of holiness.

For Jesus the Son of God, bright cornerstone of our unity in a new Spirit.

HYMN For all the Saints (NCH 299)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One God, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Creator of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

God of all people from every tribe and language; you call true witnesses who sing your praise, live your grace and work for peace: may we share their faith and know our need for you that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the first letter of John (1 John 3:1-3)

See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children!
Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us
is that it never recognized God. My dear friends, now we are God's children,
but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when
it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. All who keep
this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

The people respond
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (*Celebrant and the People in Unison*)

I will bless YAHWEH always; praise will continually be on my lips!
My soul will boast about YAHWEH—let the oppressed hear it and be glad!
Glorify YAHWEH with me, and let us exalt God's Name together!

I sought YAHWEH, who answered me and freed me from all my fears.
 Those who look to YAHWEH are radiant, and their faces are never covered with shame.
 The poor called out; YAHWEH heard and saved them from all their troubles.
 The angel of YAHWEH encamps around those who revere God, and rescues them.
 Taste and see how good YAHWEH is! Happiness comes to those who take refuge in YAHWEH.
 Holy people of God, revere YAHWEH—for those who stand in awe of God lack nothing.
 The young lion may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek YAHWEH will lack no good thing.
 YAHWEH ransoms the lives of the faithful, and none who take refuge in God will see punishment.

Our Second Reading is an excerpt from Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*

To be the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence. Our many successes and failures, our praise and blame, our health and sickness, cannot alter the truth of our being the Beloved. Before any human being saw us, before anyone heard us cry or laugh, we were seen by the eyes of God and called the Beloved of God.
 Living as the Beloved means hearing the voice that says, "You are my beloved child, in you I am well pleased," and trusting that voice more than all the voices of the world that question our worth.

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FRACTION ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Response before the Gospel
Glorify to you, O Christ.

Response after the Gospel
Praise to you, O Christ.



REFLECTION

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with the saints by committing ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your God? **I do.**

The Celebrant then says:

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts, and touched us with your fire, we praise you O God.

For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven into our own, we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them, we praise you O God. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

God of mercy, God of peace,

hear our prayer.

Leader The steadfast love of God never ceases: morning, noon or night.

With open hearts and minds, let us pray with confidence, knowing that God hears our prayers, rejoices with us, weeps with us and heals our brokenness.

The leader will leave a period of time during which people may speak their concerns and thanksgivings, or share them in the chat.

We now pray the specific concerns of this parish family...

Also, we pray our thanksgivings...

In the face of pandemic and racial injustice, flood and famine, storms and wildfires, dying reefs and invasive species, we reflect and pray.

We acknowledge our part in the destruction of the earth, and the oppression of humanity, and we hold these heavily in our hearts.

Forgive us for our denial, apathy and mindless consumption, and call us to live simply and walk humbly within creation;

Loving Creator God, forgive us.

Call us to practice wise and respectful stewardship of this planet that we leave to future generations;

Loving Creator God, change our hearts.

Give us humility, compassion and courage as we look to the future in new ways, seeing all creation as a reflection of God;

Loving Creator God, give us new vision.

Show us how to welcome the stranger displaced by climate crises;

Loving Creator God, show us the way.

We rejoice in the ever-evolving beauty, complexity, and power of your creation and hear your call to act as the formed-out-of-Earth children of God that we are;

We thank you for calling us into a new relationship with you, our neighbors, and all creation.

Silence will be kept for a time.

Remind us that when the journey of life in the world is complete, we take with us only what we have built inside ourselves: treasures of the heart, love and integrity, friendship and generosity. We pray for these in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Shalom, the Peace of Christ is always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

“Ubi Caritas” - Ola Gjeilo

Krista Donough, soprano, and Chris Henke, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lift up your hearts.

We them lift up to the God.

Let us give thanks

It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, God of all creation;

In your love you made us for yourself,

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you

in Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

Christ opened his arms in love.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

God, we do this in remembrance of him:

His body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

He gave thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

do this in remembrance of me.

God, we do this in remembrance of him:

This is the cup of blessing.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine

May be to us the body and blood of Jesus.

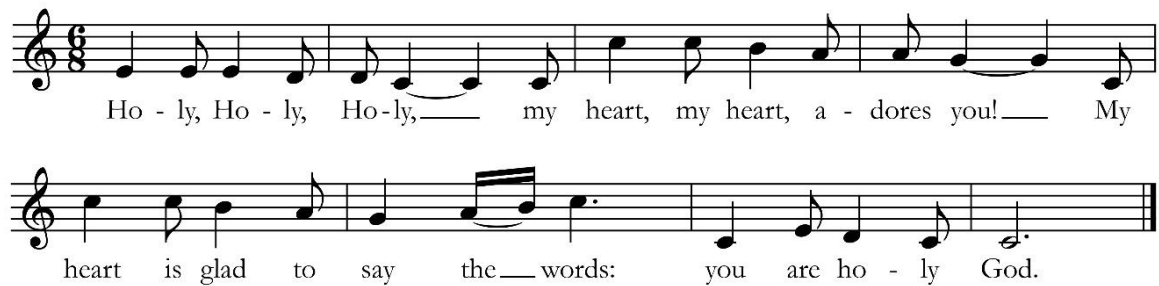
As we eat and drink these holy gifts

Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world

We offer you this sacrifice of praise

And lift our voice to join the eternal hymn of heaven:



THE LORD'S PRAYER (the language that bring you closest to God)

Our Mother, 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION *The breaking of the bread symbolizes that, out of the broken places of our lives, new life will grow.*

Out of the broken places God creates new life.

THE INVITATION

Christ was always the guest.

At the tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the quest.

But here at this table, Christ is the host.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ who sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

COMMUNION HYMN As We Gather at Your Table (NCH 332)

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

THE COMMUNION

All are invited to this communion meal. You may drink the wine or intinct (dip the bread) in wine from the silver chalice, or drink the grape juice or intinct the bread in grape juice from the glass one. Remember: Wine is in silver; grape juice is in glass

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Christ our host,
We thank you for this table
Where we are welcomed and experience your grace
May our hearts learn to yield
To your longing for us and our lives be shaped
By the sanctifying Spirit. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN I Sing a Song (NCH295)

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
faithful their whole lives through,
who bravely labored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherd in pastures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean,
God help me to be one, too.

2 They loved their and they lived that love.
It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake,
lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
there is no earthly reason, non in the least,
why I shouldn't be one, too.

3 They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints
who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea;
for the saints are folk like you and me,
and I mean to be one, too.

DISMISSAL

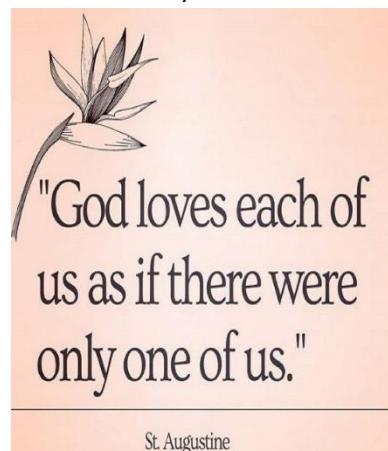
Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Improvisation on Ebenezer - Paul Manz

VESTRY NOTES – November 1ST 2026

Last Sunday was a wonderful day of celebrating and sharing with Bishop Hughes.



After service, she asked us each to name who it was that influenced our faith. That led to great personal insights and lively conversations. We have been challenged to continue asking that question every week for the next six weeks so keep thinking...

Her time with the Vestry afterwards focused on where we are in the search and what our hopes are. She feels confident there is someone and joins us in hoping we will know as early as January while, at the same time, naming the reality that would not necessarily mean a January start date. Hope continues!

This week we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Who comes to mind when you hear that? I think of my grandmother, a gentle woman of grace and love and my father who served at Normandy and walked throughout creation with a deep reverence. I learned so much from each of them and many others. I invite you to name the saints in your life.

Rev. Chellie will join us as we begin our service with the great procession of the S/saints. You are invited to bring in photos of your saints to be included.

"We are all called to be great saints, don't miss the opportunity." Thank you to all the saints of Redeemer from our founders to those throughout the years who have guided this incredible church into a future of welcome, wholeness and hope for everyone and everything in God's creation.

Colleen Hintz for the vestry

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

* **The Serendipity Stitches** welcome you. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Our gatherings are full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica for more information.

* **The Book Group** meets online at 7pm:

November 30 - ONE FOR THE MONEY - Janet Evanovich

December 28 - THE CALAMITY CLUB - Kathryn Stockett

January 25 - AETNA - Paul Yoon

February 22 - UNLESS - Carol Shields

March 29 - WHISTLER - Ann Patchett Please support your local bookshop and Redeemer by ordering from our online Bookshop. <https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer>

*** Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead: Sunday, 11/1/2026 at Redeemer as part of the community:**

DdLM complements our Feast of All Saints and All Souls, which we will celebrate liturgically in the morning at 10:30AM Eucharist with our procession of saints. As part of the DdLM festival walk around town, from 1-5PM, we will be open to the public with a lovely sustainable altar (rescued wood and built by Jim several years ago.) We will welcome visitors, offer a nurturing space, whether for fellowship or prayer and meditation, and some hospitality in this beautiful Mexican experience of honoring our beloved dead and ancestors and saints. Honoring our ancestors and beloved dead happens in many traditions around the world. We hope you can take part in this festival at the different locations (Mexican dancing, face painting, sugar skull decorating, mariachi band, etc.) as well as Redeemer's. It is both healing and celebratory. Thank you for those who dropped off and sent images in for the altar/ofrenda.

- Set-Up and decoration will happen at Redeemer on Saturday, 10/31 in the church from 9AM-12Noon.

- Locally: You may bring the framed image/photo to the church on Saturday, 10/31 from 9AM-12Noon.

- The side door, on the driveway side, will be the only door open then. Please, you are also invited to stay for a while and enjoy the creative process of collaborating in decorating the community altar/ofrenda.

- Plan your walking tour. The Morristown DdLM schedule is on

<https://link.edgepilot.com/x/U8MtKKEorYMeGzxd1l1XoKU?u=https://tinyurl.com/3dkyk94j>

Other logistics that we invite people in to lend a hand:

- Please enjoy creating some paper cut-outs and paper flowers in the back of church.

- We need altar guardians/church welcomers for 1 or 2 hour shifts. Please see the sign-up sheet in back of church.

- We need people willing to help with breaking down and cleaning up Sunday evening after 5PM. Thank you in advance!

Please see Peg on Sunday or email her at [pegonplanetearth\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pegonplanetearth(at)gmail.com)

***Garden of Hope:** I have much gratitude for another successful growing season and all those who helped with the garden this season: Agnes, Anita, Barbara, Kallie, Johnnie, Shumei, Jennifer & Cora, Candace, Tony, Brian, Jim, Michael, and those who you who mysteriously contributed to the compost. Thank you for your big and small efforts that made it all work, especially to Agnes and Anita who worked to break down the garden at the end of the season. We were able to show that we can grow healthy food for our food insecure siblings and enjoy it and each other! We continue to learn how we can grow in a co-creative way, in harmony with nature, with no harm to our ecosystem, while improving it with compost and all natural solutions. It is a pleasure to become part of the ecosystem here, and observe it, whether hawks, birds, or bees, and creepy crawlies who get the food scraps digested and transform them into valuable compost that we add to the earth to help replenish it, as well as detour from the landfills. With cucumbers, string beans, tomatoes, marigolds, nasturiums, we have added some Redeemer love-grown nutrition to struggling folks near us, in feeding our neighbor when they were hungry, whether at the Table of Hope or Market Street Mission. Thank you all!

*** Moms for Comfort: A New Ministry for Redeemer**

Redeemer is honored to partner with Moms for Comfort, a local ministry that provides groceries, diapers, and other essential supplies to immigrant families in our community. By offering space, support, and volunteers, we are helping extend compassion and practical care to neighbors in need.

We invite parishioners to join this meaningful ministry through volunteering, donations, and prayer.

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