



**All Saint's Sunday**  
**Forth in God's Dear Name We Go**  
**WHITNEY**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**November 1, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Christina Thompson**

**Prelude**

*Phyllis Ross*

**Welcome**

Welcome to worship this morning. I am so grateful you are worshipping with us. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor here of Whitney UMC.

Today is All Saints day when we remember all of the saints who have gone before us. We celebrate the communion of Saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church Universal and of our local congregation. For all the saints, we celebrate today.

## Lighting the candle

We light our candle as a remind that Christ is the light that has come into the world bringing us hope in the midst of grief. May this light remind us of our connection together as the body of Christ.

## Call to Worship

Leader: For all the saints, O God, who from their labors rest,

**People: We glorify your name!**

Leader: Vast has been the number of your saints, some famous, most of them unrecorded, except in your Book of Life.

**People: From every people and nation, from every race and tongue, you have gathered them into your kingdom.**

Leader: They were human, surely, but with the aid of your Spirit, they wrought great deeds of mercy and offered eloquent witness to your power and love.

**People: We dedicate this service to the celebration of their lives, witness and of their deeds.**

Leader: For all your saints, O God, and especially for those who loved and served you within the fellowship of this congregation.

**People: We magnify your holy name! Amen.**

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The stanzas of the hymn “For All the Saints” describe the common life of all the saints: the credit due to Jesus Christ for drawing us all to Him, the strength and guidance we continue to draw from Him, our joint communion in Christ, the continuing struggle against evil, and the coming day when the dead shall rise and we shall all worship together before God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## Opening Hymn---For All the Saints #711 v. 1, 2, 4

For All the Saints #711 vs 1,2,4

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Ralph Vaughan Williams | William Walsham How

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### **Verse 1**

For all the saints  
Who from their labors rest  
Who thee by faith  
before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus  
Be forever blessed  
Alleluia, 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, alleluia

### **Verse 4**

O blest communion, fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine  
yet all are one in thee,  
for all are thine  
Alleluia, alleluia

### **Opening Prayer**

Most loving God, you have given us a great multitude of witnesses whose lives have testified to the amazing power of your Son's resurrection. By your presence among us, teach us the truth of life everlasting. Through this day from remembrance of those who have gone before us, grant us inspiration to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Keep us on the way of truth until we, too, join in endless celebration with all your saints in splendor. In the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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**Scripture**

Matthew 25:31-40

All Saints Sunday closes out our sermon series based on the words from the song - Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service. This week we are focusing on v. 4

## **Song introducing the Sermon**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service #518 v. 4

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service v4

CCLI Song # 1730488

Albert Frederick Bayly

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### **Verse 4**

Called by worship to your service  
Forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged  
Love in living deeds to show  
Hope and health, good will and comfort  
Counsel, aid and peace we give  
That your servants, Lord in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live

### **Sermon-**

*Rev. Christina*

Forth in God's Dear Name They Went

### **Naming our Saints based on Revelation 21: 1-6**

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are visions of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

Today we remember and name those who have entered this new city and who are reborn, restored and renewed.

But we acknowledge that these who have died, have died in a strange time. Many died without family present because of the pandemic, many did not have a funeral or were not able to have a traditional service. We also remember those who have died of Covid. We acknowledge the complicated grief that this pandemic is causing and how hard it has made mourning our dead.

So we offer flowers for those who were unable to have a traditional service, including chrysanthemums, a common funeral flower, to

symbolize our grief and the light that reminds us that Christ is present, lighting our way forward.

### **Remembering those who have gone before us**

#### **Members of Whitney UMC**

Glenna Finley  
Bobbie Fuller  
Don Hutchinson  
Barry Kelso  
Heather Legg  
Richard Miller  
Marv Wolfe

#### **Relatives of church members**

Frank Coleman---Mary Kienzle's grandfather  
Della Myrtle Duntten---Malcom Duntten's cousin  
Jack Duvall--- Jane Spencer's Brother  
Daniel Harden---Carl Harden's brother  
Florance Hoenk name from Gaye Cabe  
Dean Keefe---brother of Rich Keefe  
Shirley Ann McCarty---Gena Waller's mom and Kimberly Gardner's Grandma and Ruth and Robert's Great-Grandma  
Steve Neset---Peggy Jackson's cousin  
Patrick O'Brien---name from Becky Kiefer  
Gary Spencer---Steve Spencer's Dad  
Matt Wilkerson---Mel and Cathie Slocum's nephew

We also light candles for those who have died that we only name in the quiet of our hearts.

We light candles for all of those who have died from COVID and for their loved ones.

We remember these our saints. They were wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, grandparents, great grandparents and even a few were great -great grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, friends, best friends. Some were members of Whitney UMC and part of UMW, UMM, Choir and numerous other parts of the church. They each had their own passions and hobbies, including gardening, building, woodworking, love of cars, some served in the military, some served faithfully in Boy Scouts. They were foresters, nurses, teachers, office workers, railroad workers just to

name a few. They touched so many lives and we remember and miss them. But we also know that they all were Saints of God. For each of them we give God thanks.

## **Special Music**

Hymn of Promise

*Phyllis Ross*

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Hymn of Promise

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## **Pastoral Prayer for All Saints**

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change,  
we thank you for the gift of life eternal,  
and for all those who, having served you well,  
now rest from their labours.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten,  
for those dear souls most precious to us.

Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve  
months  
have died and entered into glory who we have named both out loud  
and in the quiet of our hearts.

We bless you for their life and love,  
and rejoice that for them “all is well,  
and all manner of things will be well.”

God of Jesus and our God,  
mindful of all those choice souls who have gone on ahead of us,  
teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and  
place, to follow their example to the best of our ability:

- to feed the poor in body or spirit,
- to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,
- to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
- to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- to cherish and learn from the merciful,
- to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognize what it means  
to be called the children of God,  
and to know we are to be your saints

neither by our own inclination nor  
in our own strength  
but simply by the call  
and the healing holiness  
of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen!**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page.**  
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/61SAINTS.htm>

## Lord's Prayer

*Rev. Dewey Knowles*

## Offering

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are. May we praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living commitment to you.

So in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer to you ourselves and our financial offerings that they will be used to further the work of your church. Help us to give out of a bountiful spirit so we might experience your blessing in abundance. Thank you, O God for granting us the opportunity to share abundantly in every good work. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

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## Closing Hymn

## I'll Fly Away Medley

(I'll Fly Away, O When the Saints, Will the Circle be Unbroken.)

*I'll Fly Away*

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Albert E. Brumley

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*Oh When The Saints (When the Saints Go Marching In)*

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Bill Wolaver

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*Will the Circle be Unbroken*

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A. P. Carter

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Oh when the saints go marching in  
When the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

We are traveling in the footsteps  
Of those who've gone before  
But we'll all be reunited  
On a new and sunlit shore

Oh when the saints go marching in  
When the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

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Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, Lord, by and by  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

In the joyous days of childhood  
Oft they told of wondrous love  
Pointed to the dying Savior  
Now they dwell with Him above

Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, Lord, by and by  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

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Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

I'll fly away, fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)



When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

I'll fly away, fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Oh when the saints go marching in  
When the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

## **Sending Forth**

(based on Revelation 7: 12, 16-17)

Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen!

**We go out to be God's people.**

Go in strength to be the saints of God  
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.  
**We go out to be God's people.**

Live the way of God with confidence  
for God is your shepherd,  
and will guide you to the spring of life.  
**We go out to be God's people.**

(from Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A, published by WoodLake Publishing. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/benediction-revelation-7.html>)

## **Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you  
And also with you

## **Invitation to next week**

I invite you to join us next week as the United Methodist Women will be leading worship and Yuni Rueda will speak on "Trusting God during Trials".

After worship, you are invited to join us for Communion on ZOOM. Bring your own bread/crackers and grape juice/wine and we will celebrate communion together online! The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45.

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Also remember that there are many ways to connect with us even as we are physically distancing.

Also remember that on our radio program Reach out and Trust which is broadcast on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am. Today the sermon that is broadcast is my sermon on serving and struggling with social issues. Next week the sermon will be on Compassion.

**May God be with us until we meet again**