



*All Saints Sunday*  
November 1, 2020

## **Prelude**

*I Love You Lord, Martha Main, YouTube*

**We are Called to Worship** - Bless the Sovereign at all times. Salvation belongs to our God. The Sovereign heard our cry and delivered us from our fear. Salvation belongs to our God. All who take refuge in the Sovereign will be comforted. Salvation belongs to our God.+

**Gathering Prayer** - Sovereign of Creation, all that we have comes from you. Physically distanced, we gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Hear the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.+

## **Song 1**

*Faith of Our Fathers, 530, YouTube*

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

### **A Time of Prayer**

*You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

## **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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.

## **ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION**

### **A Litany for All Saints Day**

Today we fall back, not just our clocks to usher in the dark days of winter, but we fall back upon our memories of loved ones gone from this realm. We fall back upon the emptiness that we still sometimes feel at their absence. We fall back upon our gratefulness that such a cloud of witnesses paved the way for us. We fall back upon our faith that just as the Holy walked with them, so too the Holy walks with us. And today let us also fall back into the arms of loved ones still with us. And remember to say how much they mean to us. And today let us also fall back into the ever-present arms of God. And remember to say, “Thank you, thank you, thank you.”<sup>1</sup>

### **We Remember the Saints of Our Church**

Arthur Goodblood August 14, 1930—June 3, 2020

Elmer Griebelbauer February 25, 1927—June 28, 2020

Robert Sells July 1, 1928—August 26, 2020

For others we have loved and lost...

### **Special Music**

*For All the Saints, Zion Virtual Choir, YouTube*

**A Prayer for All Saints Day** - On this All Saints Day, we remember and celebrate saints of yesterday and of today; faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who, with their lives, praised God. May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ. We want to be counted among saints who will inherit your kingdom. Inspired by the saints who have come before us, may we commit ourselves to living lives that are pleasing to God. Amen.

### **We Hear God's Word**

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Meditation**

*Blessed Assurance*

**We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving** - You’re invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.  
Zion United Church of Christ  
8916 E. Troy Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46239

You can now submit your offerings on our website through a secure PayPal donation button. Please know that PayPal receives a 2.2% processing fee and a \$0.30 transaction charge. You are able to set up reoccurring, monthly payments. Check it out on our website at [www.zionuccindy.net/donate](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate).

## **The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise him all creatures here below;*  
*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Version 2*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise God all creatures here below;*  
*Praise God for all that love has done;*  
*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**We Give Thanks** – Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our effort to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.+

## **We Gather at the Table**

### **Song 2**

*Let Us Break Bread Together, 699 YouTube*



**Set Your Place at the Table**—Communion was first celebrated in the homes of those in the early church. Friends and family would gather together to pray, singing songs, and break bread. We carry on that tradition today. Whatever you have on hand to celebrate communion will work just fine, because this ancient ritual is not about what we use for this meal or where we partake of it. Instead, it is about the act of remembrance. So gather around the table, prepare your place, and remember that Christ is in our midst.

**Our Invitation**—Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.” In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

**The Words of Institution**—We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.=

**Our Confession**— Holy God, we so often fail to remember how profoundly you love us. You bless us even when we are at our wit’s end. You created us, and you love us as we are, even as you inspire our desire to be better through your Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we fail to remember that we are the body of Christ, saints-

in-process. Empower us to begin anew, encouraged by the stories of those who live in your eternal presence. In the name of Jesus, and for the sake of the gospel, we pray. Amen.~

**Assurance of Grace**— Beloved, we are the children of God. Don't fear failure. It is endemic to our human nature. Learn from your mistakes, and cherish the forgiving grace of God. Give thanks for all you are, and go forward in faith, knowing that God is faithful. Amen.~

**Blessing Our Meal**— Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.=

**We Share the Bread and the Cup** – As you eat the bread, remember, “This is the body of Christ broken for you.” Take and eat. As you drink the cup, remember, “This is the blood of Christ shed for you and the forgiveness of sins.” Take and drink.

**We Give Thanks**— Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.+

### **Song 3**

*Blessed Assurance*, 426, YouTube

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** – Go forth from this time of worship as a flowing stream through a parched desert, pouring the love of God upon the hearts and lives of all you meet so that hope might take root and blossom. As you go, know that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you is with you today and ever more. Amen.+

### **Postlude**

*Amazing Grace*, Martha Main, YouTube

Worship Notes: +UCC Worship Ways; =UCC Book of Worship.