

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Psalm 149 (All Saints' Day)

(Emma Lou Diemer)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Heather Collins

INTROIT Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom
(Anders Frostenson trans. Fred Kaan, V. Earle Copes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather from different places.

**We come with a variety of stories and share one
history here in this place.**

We bring different interests and experiences.

We also come with different hopes and fears.

Whoever we are, whatever our story, whatever hopes
and fears we bring with us. Jesus welcomes us and asks
us to welcome one another. Let us take a moment and
greet someone sitting near us saying, "welcome to
worship".

***HYMN** As the Deer Pants for the Water **p. 7**

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after
you; you alone are my heart's desire and I long to
worship you.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield, to you
alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship
you!

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.
Refrain

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though
you are a king;
I love you more than any other, so much more than
anything! **Refrain**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
with the touch of your spirit; with new energy for service.
Come to us, we pray. Be with us. Touch us.
Empower us as your people,
that we might worship you, in spirit and in truth,
and that we might then go back out into the world
with a renewed commitment to serve you.
And may we regain a strong sense of the community of
your saints that surrounds us now and holds us in love
and care. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

The God who challenges us is also the God who
encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who
accepts us.

**God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and
forgiving. Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE Dance with the Spirit *MV 156*
**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with
the Spirit through-out the long day, Work and hope
for the new life a-born-in', listen to the Spirit to show
you the way.**

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 32 (parts 1 and 2)
p. 7 Colleen Abbott

ANTHEM Who Knows Where the Seasons Go?
(Larry Nickel)

GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10 (Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.)
p. 82 Pew Bible NT

SERMON Rev. Linda Wheler

***HYMN** Spirit, Open My Heart **MV 79**

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of
living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in
giving, Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and
tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now
surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my
story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living
bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister,
brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one
another. **R**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY All Creatures of Our God and King
(arr. Sandra Eithun) *EmBellished Handbell Ensemble with*
Joanne Banfill, piano

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (*John L. Bell*)
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me. (*repeat*)

****OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing***

PRAYER PRELUDE Lord, Listen to Your Children
(*Ken Medema*) VU 400

Lord, listen to your children, praying, Lord,
send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your
children praying, send us love, send us power,
send us grace!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*At the conclusion of today's prayers you will be invited to
come forward to light a candle for the saints in your life...
for those who have gone before us and for those who
are with us still.*

***HYMN** For All the Saints p.8

***COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING** May the Blessing of God VU p. 962
(*Miriam Therese Winter*)

May the blessing of God go before you. May her grace
and peace abound. May her spirit live within you. May
her love wrap you 'round. May her blessing remain with
you always. May you walk on holy ground.

POSTLUDE Built on a Rock (Gilbert M. Martin)



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from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous
Peoples.



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PENTECOST 21
All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025
11:00 AM

As The Deer Pants for the Water VU 766

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Psalm 32 VU 759

Refrain: Be glad in God you righteous. Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.

Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven, whose sin has been put away.

Blessed are those to whom God imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. R

When I kept silence, my body wasted away, while I groaned all the day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night, my strength dried up as in a summer drought.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess my sins to God"; and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you in time of trouble;

When great floodwater rises, it shall not come near them.

You are a hiding place for me, you will preserve them from trouble;

You will surround me with shouts of deliverance. R

For All the Saints VU 705

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith before the world
confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might: you were their captain in the
well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Hallelujah,
hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes
their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day the saints triumphant rise in bright
array: as God to glory calls them all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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: Hallelujah,
hallelujah!