

**Order of the Worship Service
November 2, 2025, 10:00am
Holy Communion Sunday
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his
words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living,
articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

**All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

*Opening Hymn 364

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.**

**We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you
would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should
turn toward you.**

**Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and
family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.**

**We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our
errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.**

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Sermon

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Affirmation of Faith -- in Unison (page 14 in The Hymnal)

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
on the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

Communion Anthem

COME ALL YOU PEOPLE
Sanctuary Choir. Atlee Beam, director

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 526

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Blessing