St.Paul's United Church of Christ Sunday, November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday, Communion 9:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Fellows

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Our gracious God, like a loving parent you nurture and encourage and challenge us to grow in grace.

All: Grant that by sensing your Spirit's presence in our midst, we may be enabled to mature in our commitment to you. Prepare us to be servants of your will and agents of your love in all the world. Amen.

*Hymn For All the Saints #296

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father

And to the Son

And to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

** Sunday School Classes enter worship **

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Message for All Ages Rev. Fellows

*Hymn Amazing Grace #233

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING:

One: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5:4) O God, we thank you for blessing our lives with parents, spouses, children, and friends. Though it hurts to lose them, we are comforted to know they are with you. Hear us as we lift their names to you in gratitude and love.

All: Amen.

POEM: We Remember Them

READING OF THE NAMES

One: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,"

All: "and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen. (Psalm 23:6)

Sermon All the Saints Rev. Fellows

Prayer Requests

Cares Chorus

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at

your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do,

I will cast all my cares upon you.

Offertory - Sharing God's Gifts to Strengthen Our World

Offertory Music

*Doxology 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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Confession

God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet we confess our fear of death. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. And sometimes we want to build shells to protect ourselves from change that comes too fast, from possibilities that seem bewildering.

God, help us trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your loving arms, and receive your forgiveness and your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Communion Hymn Break Now the Bread of Life #321 NC

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

An Affirmation of Faith: from the Salem Church Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and with one another and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all God's ways, according as God is pleased to reveal unto us the blessed word of truth.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for knowing when we are hungry, before we ourselves know it. We thank you for the friendship of Christ that has a meal ready for us when we are weary and have come up empty, powerless to provide for ourselves, or when we are celebrating as a gathering of believers. Grant us the humility and enthusiasm to keep coming back to be renewed at your table, Christ's feast of love for all the world, now, and in all our days. Amen.

*Singing Benediction

Threefold Amen

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*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand in body or spirit.