

First United Methodist Church

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November 5th, 2018 · Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday



We will remember

Cheryl Sweet Myrna Davis

Angelene Campbell

Order of Worship

* Indicates congregational standing, if able.

*GATHERING SONG

"Amazing Grace"

video

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Cheatham

Leader: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

ALL: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

ALL: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

ALL: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

ALL: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

Tom Cheatham

CHILDREN'S SERMON (if children are present)

HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

UMH 474

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-12

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SERMON

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LITANY OF REMEMBERANCE

ACT OF REMEMBERANCE

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Because He Lives"

UMH 364

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM ROMANS 8

UMH 887

OFFERTORY

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH 601

*DOXOLOGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Eternal Love, we come to you knowing that our vision is short-sighted. We see the temporary. We only know what we have experienced. We cannot imagine the depths of your love for us that brings the dead out of the graves. We cannot imagine all that you have created and intended for us. Forgive us when our narrow vision leads us away from hope. Forgive us when fear leads us away from love. Forgive us when anger leads us away from empathy. Lead us back to your love, for your love is the center of all creation, of our very being, and what leads us into eternity. In the name of love, your eternal son Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day. God's gifts of love and grace are offered at this table where we are all invited to receive as children of God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

*BENEDICTION



Worship Leaders

Rev. Marcus Freeman

Liturgist	Music Leader	Greeters/Ushers
Tom Cheatham	Sarah O'Connor	Sue Halbert & Dorothy Brown



Brandon Caldwell	Emily Cheatham	Joseph Ross
Teresa Evens	Brian Vandell	Joe Reuss
Sundra Reyes	Tina Heiser & Candy	Elizabeth Reid
Ralph Thompson	Wayne Wolf	Roger Junker
Lisa	Lisa Langton	Roy Goldman
Faye Duckett	Michael Greenly	Angelia Howard
Ray & Theresa Strickland	Bob Barth	Cheryl Sweet Family
Ron & Shelly	Ezra Salinas	Bob West
Pauline Kuecker	Gail James	Dorothy Dupnik
Grayson	Amanda Lynn	Myra Parr Family
Joe Hoskey	Samuel & Melinda Johnson	Bubba Salles