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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Farther Along… *Bluegrass Ensemble*

We Offer Prayers and Praise

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

A visible reminder of Christ's presence among us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.
All: They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
Leader: In the great company of all God's saints—those known to us and those known only to God—we gather to worship.
All: We come with prayer and praise, celebrating the communion of saints and the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

*** HYMN For All the Saints # 672 vs 1-3**

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
Leader: On this day of remembrance for the saints of the church and of our lives, we give thanks for the ways in which we have been shaped by those who have gone before us.
All: We celebrate the lives of those whose work for Christ has been made manifest in this church:
Leader: The men and women of the Union University Church who taught children now grown, who gave to missions and cared for the ill, and who shaped their lives to be examples of Christ's love for others.
All: We pray that we may work with the same diligence and compassion so that one day our names may be remembered as the faithful of this church.
Leader: We also celebrate the lives of family members and friends gone whose lives we cherished, who gave so much to us;
All: And whose spirits continue to be with us in our memories and in the living of our days.
Leader: We especially remember and honor today, Joan Nye (*member for 41 yrs*), Joanne Wietgrefe (*member for 32 yrs*), and Stuart Smith (*member for 62 yrs*), members of this congregation who died this past year, and we light these candles in recognition of their long years of commitment to this family of faith. *[3 candles are lit]*
Leader: And now, we lift the names of all our loved ones who have died, some recently and some long ago, yet whose faces are still present and precious to our hearts.

The names of loved ones are read *Heather Meacham*

Leader: We light this last candle to remind us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Our love will burn forever bright. *[The 4th candle is lit]*

*** HYMN** **For All the Saints #672 vs 5, 6**

God Speaks to Us Through the Spirit

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE Psalm 90

God Offers Grace that Abounds

WE CONFESS AND GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS
Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Time of Silent Prayer
All: Do not cast us away from your presence or take our Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, Amen

GOD'S GRACE DECLARED
Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us
for the forgiveness of sins. In Christ we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to you, O Chris

God Speaks and Acts Through Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF FORGIVENESS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you!
All: And also with you!
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE STORY AND WORDS OF JESUS

PRAYER FOR THE MYSTERY OF THE SPIRIT

WE SHARE THE FEAST OF OUR LORD

GIFT OF MUSIC *Luanne Crosby*
Light of a Clear Blue Morning

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Bluegrass Ensemble*
Simple Gifts *by Joseph Brackett*

*** DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, ONE.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness we have all that we have. May what we give be a reflection of our gratitude. Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love through Jesus Christ, Amen

We Pray for Our Nation

SCRIPTURE Psalm 77:1-15

REFLECTION

WE PRAY

If My People who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, then I will come and heal their Land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Abraham Lincoln March 30, 1863 *Rev. Dr. Eileen Vanderzwan*
Prayer for our nation torn apart by the Civil War

Dwight D. Eisenhower January 20, 1953 *Joe Dosch*
Prayer at his Inauguration

Prayer for Our Nation *Regina Burke*

Prayer for Our Government & Leaders *Cindy Tucker*

Prayer at the Time of Election *Jusianiec family member*

RESPONSE See insert *UUC Bluegrass Ensemble*

God Goes with Us into the World

CLOSING PRAYER *St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is division, unity;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and
Where there is sadness, joy. Amen

*** HYMN** **A Mighty Fortress # 421 vs 1, 2, 5**

*** CHARGE**

The goal of our lives together in Christ, as Christ's Body: Go now and share the love of Christ with each other and the world. Let us be unique and beautiful as we share the mind of Christ Jesus as The Beloved Community. Go be Light!

*** GOD'S LOVING BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Bluegrass Ensemble*
When the Saints Go Marching In

Please join us for refreshments across the street in the Church Center immediately following worship.

Serving Today: Greeters – the Meacham's; Lay Leader- Hope Briggs; Communion – Hope Briggs & Heather Meacham; Coffee Hour – Trustees; Music – Bluegrass Ensemble & Luanne Crosby

Four Bright Stars

When hard times cast a shadow, when twilight turns to night
We search the sky for signs that all will be right
When trouble makes us stumble at the end of the day
There's a distant constellation that helps to guide the way
When darkness slows the journey
No matter where you roam
There are four bright stars in the night that shine
And guide the way back home

The struggle for freedom continues through the years
Free to speak, free to worship, free from want, free from fear
Tyrants keep on trying to silence our choice
But the promise of democracy is that we have a voice
When darkness slows the journey . . .

There are sailors and soldiers, there are pilots in the air
Men and women serving in countries everywhere
When common sense and reason appear in short supply
Look for the constellation: four bright stars in the sky
When darkness slows the journey . . .

Free to speak, free to worship,
Free from want, free from fear
These four bright stars in the night that shine
Guide the way back here . . . guide the way back home.

Hold On Keep Moving Forward

Hold On Keep Moving Forward
You've heard this tune from Woody, no doubt
He sang of the dust bowl, he sang of the drought
He sang of the crops that would not grow
He sang of hard times nine decades ago

Hold on, keep moving forward (3x)
The time to act may have been yesterday
But we still can do something today

The rain comes down on you and on me
The sun shines on all of humanity
The young and the old, the weak and the strong
There's one human family and we all belong

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We need air to breathe and water to drink
Before we act, we need to think
About generations who will live on
Consider their future when we are all gone

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No matter our politics, on the left or the right
When we come together and put up a good fight
With human rights as our common goal
We're stronger together - mind, body and soul

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I leave you my friends with a heart full of song
Thanks for your voices, for singing along
Music reminds us that we have a choice:
Sitting in silence or using our voice

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