

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AND 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thought for the Day:

❖ A little girl sat in the church with her father. The girl tugged on her dad's shirt and asked, "Who are those people in the window?" The father explained to his daughter that the stained glass windows tell the stories of the great saints in the church. The following week, a Sunday School teacher asked her class this question: "Who are the saints?" The same little girl raised her hand, and when the teacher called on her she responded, "The saints are the ones the light shines through!" – Unknown

Call to Worship:

L: Today we stand beside saints in the making.

C: Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.

L: Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.

C: While we live, we live to the Lord.

L: When we die, we die to the Lord.

C. So then, whether we live or whether we die,

All: We are the Lord's.

Praise Song: Find Us Faithful, v. 1-2 (music at end of bulletin)

Our Confession:

All: Lord, the saints have shown us that there is so much to live up to: You want us to be kind, humble, meek and patient, and most days we struggle, at best. We are to forgive, love and let peace rule our hearts, yet the focus is often on me, not on others' needs. Studying your Word has not become a priority for us. There is so much work to do - so we recommit our lives to you with the promise that this will be a fresh start. Help us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before me. Help us to give others a glimpse of your kingdom that is to come in all we say and do. Amen.

Leader: Believe it or not, we are saints, set free by God to live as the people of God. Let us live lives worthy of the Gospel.

Song: People of Hope (music at end of bulletin)

Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Message: "How Do You Know a Saint?" Pastor David Schoob

Message Response: Faith of Our Fathers, v. 2-4 (music at end of bulletin)

Lighting of Candles

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Song of Thanks: For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love (music at end of bulletin)

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Out:

L: O God, let us remember all the saints who shared your light with us. Let Your light shine through us and help us follow in Your way, until we too, join You in the feast which has no end. Amen!

The Sending Song: Reach Out (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

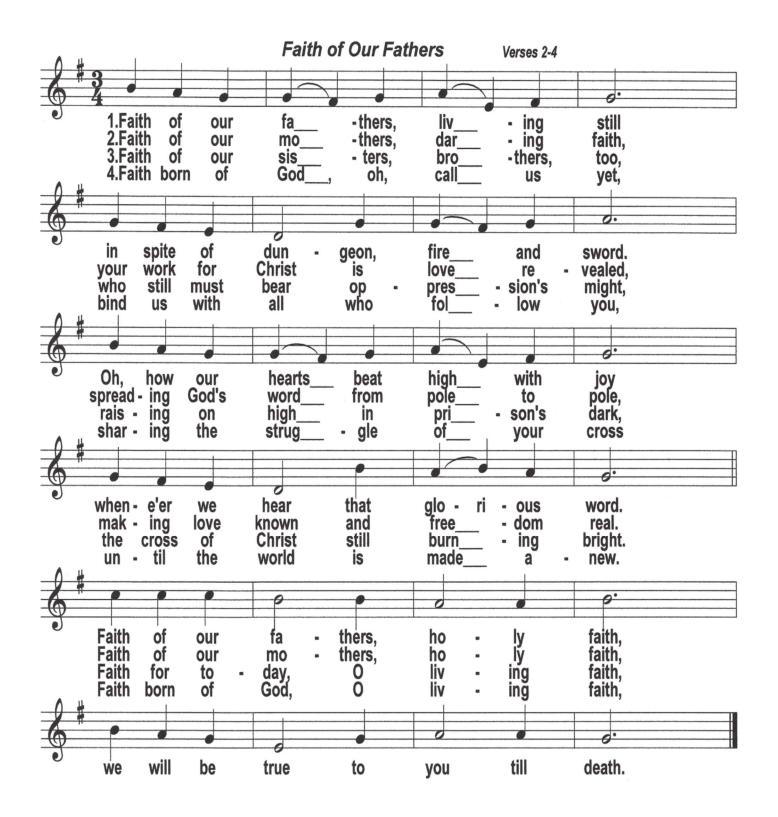
C: Thanks be to God.



- We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, And those who've gone before us line the way Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. (chorus)
- Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
 Let us run the race not only for the prize,
 But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us
 The heritage of faithfulness passed on thru Godly lives. (chorus)
- After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
 And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
 May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries they uncover
 Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. (chorus)

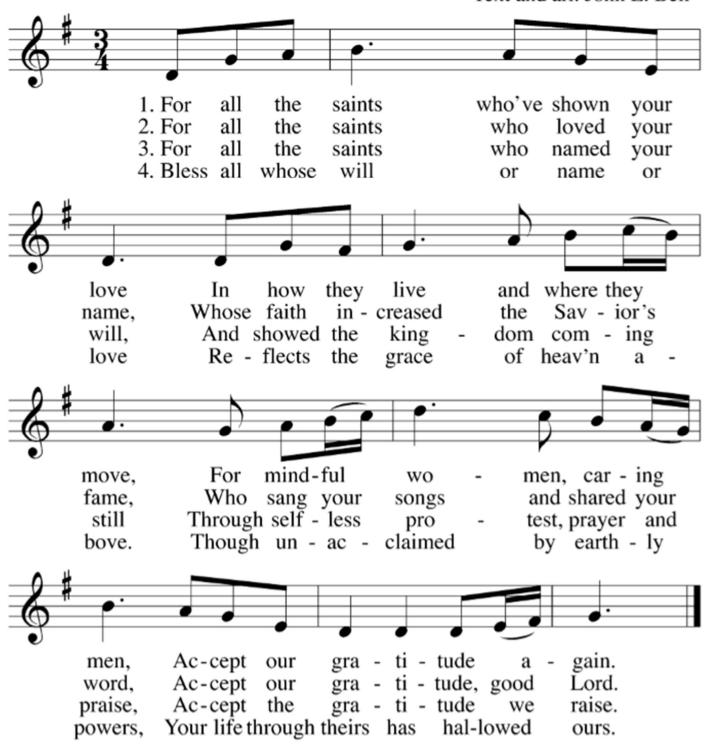






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