**Salem United Church of Christ Moorestown**

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**Singing the Hymns today – Bruce Roth**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saint’s Sunday**

**November 1, 2020**

***Please note that in order to protect ourselves and each other:***

* *Masks, covering our nose and mouth, will be worn during the entire service.*
* *There will be no congregational singing during hymns or responses. This is our opportunity to enjoy Lisa’s musical talents.*
* *During the passing of the peace, we will remain seated and share the peace of Christ by waving or sharing the peace sign.*
* *If restrooms are needed, please use the ones under the sanctuary stairs.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 PRAYER**

 **All: God of Creation, all that we have comes from you. When we turned away,**

**you called us home and patiently waited our return. We gather in your presence,**

**surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation,**

**every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Hear the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you O God, and to the Lamb that was slain and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN #78** *“God of the Ages, History’s Maker”*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

One: The chorus of an old hymn asks, “Are you washed in the blood, In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?” We may not use that particular imagery any more, but the truths of the questions remain.

 Can you stand without the mark of sin upon you?

 Have you surrendered to God all that you have done or left undone that would

 separate you from God or God’s creation?

 Have you been forgiven?

 I invite you to take these moments of quiet reflection to cast your cares upon God.

 Let the river of life refresh you and carry your sin as far from you as the east is from the west. Let God wipe the tears from your eyes and welcome you home.

 Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – A time for personal reflection and confession.*

One: Salvation belongs to you, O God. Forgive us our sin. Renew us, refresh us and help us rebuild our lives so that they are reflections of your love for all people. We pray in the name Jesus. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Salvation belongs to our God. Our sins are forgiven.

**All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE!**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another *(stay in place, wave or make the*

 *peace sign)*

**PRAISE RESPONSE:**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord’s name be praised!**

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

 **1 John 3:1-3**

 **Revelation 7:9-17**

 **Matthew 5:1-12**

**RESPONSE:**

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN #531** *“Rejoice in God’s Saints”*

**OFFERING** *(for those worshipping virtually)–*I invite you at this time to consider ways to express your thankfulness for all that God provides by giving of your time and talents in new ways in this time. I also ask you to consider how you will offer your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of our church at this time as well – some options are: on-line giving available through our website or your smartphone, mail check in weekly or set aside your offering each week and mail it in monthly. Thank you.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.**

**All: Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and others. Multiply the work done by our time, talent and treasures that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** (debts and debtors)

**ALL SAINTS LITANY AND REMEMBRANCE**

One: Let us give thanks to God for all the saints of our lives and the witness they have shared with us even as we continue to walk the journey of faith and make our way to the glory that God is preparing for all of us. Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we praise you for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us. For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice, for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,**

**we give you thanks and praise.**

One: God of all creation, we praise you for all your servants who have witnessed to your truth, who have shown us your love, who have inspired us to have hope. By their example of faith, hope, and love, remind us of your calling to join in making your new creation real

in this world and the next.

**All: God of grace and peace, we praise you for women and men and children**

**who reflect your love into our world. Guide us to continue their faithful work**

**as we too walk in the light of your love.**

One: God of all saints, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the past year. We thank you for their faithful witness, for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death.

This day we remember:

 Pamela Fehnel Jane Gilbert Dorothy Hahn Thomas Hahn

 Larry Heckman Pauline Kocher Evelyn Schaffer Anna Trach

 Laura Vuona Floyd Schlegel Lois Millheim Connie Febbo

 Tracey Silfies

One: We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us. At this time you are invited to light the candle that you received (or for those worshipping virtually, the one you have at home) as you speak their name either silently or aloud. *(Lighting of the remembrance candles)*

**HYMN #529** *“For All the Saints”*

**BENEDICTION**

One: As we move into the coming week, may you be surrounded by the love

 of God,

**All: As if in a comforting embrace.**

One: May you be protected by the gracious presence of the Holy Spirit,

**All: Like a warm breeze.**

One: Go with goodness and with grace as God’s beloved people.

**All: We go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

**\*THREE FOLD AMEN**

**\*POSTLUDE**

 *In order to keep everyone safe, please wait for an usher to lead you out of the sanctuary. Thank you!*

*\* Portions of this worship service were adapted from “UCC Worship Ways”,*

**Presented to the Glory of God: The FLOWERS in honor of Jane and Quentin Gilbert by Family. The**

**BULLETINS and the CANDLE in honor of Forrest Silfies’ 9th birthday.**

**TODAY: We will lift up the names of those who have passed away since All Saints Day last year.**

**Daylight Saving Time ends, turn your clocks back.**

**THIS EVENING: Confirmation class at 6:30 PM.**

**SATURDAY: Scouts will be “Scouting for Food” at Scout Hall from 11 until 2.**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Harvest Home, bring your donations for the Bath Area Food Bank with you to Worship or place them outside the Fellowship doors from Monday through Friday, Nov. 2 through 6. Monetary gifts can be mailed to the church or via “on line giving” on the church website.**

**Members will be seated following social distancing guidelines. Masks covering your nose and mouth will be required at all times. We will be entering and exiting only using the red church doors. Virtual worship on Facebook Live and on our website will continue to be an option for at home worship.**

**We are looking for people who would like to help with recording the service or virtual worship. Please speak to Ed Taylor or Vicki Troxell, if you are interested.**

**Confirmation Class will be held this evening (Sunday, November 1) at 6:30 PM. Any student in 7th grade or higher that has not been confirmed, and you want to register them, please contact the office,** salemoffice1@verizon.net**, or Pastor Kaye, salempastor2218@yahoo.com.**

**THE LADIES GUILD WILL BE MAKING AND SELLING FILLING.** The 2 lb. containers will be $7.00. Pick up will be Friday, Nov. 20th from 1 to 5. Please call Kathryn at 610-837-1182 or Pat at 610-759-5780 to place your order. Please tell your friends and neighbors who usually buy our filling at the Country Festival that we are having this sale.

**Scouts “Scouting for Food”on Saturday, November 7 at Scout Hall from 11 until 2.**

**SEARCHING FOR A TREASURER:** We are still looking for someone to be treasurer of Salem. Please speak to Vicki or any Consistory member, if you are interested in the position or if you have questions about the position.

**Sunday, November 8th we will celebrate Harvest Home.** If you will be worshipping “in person”, please bring your donations for the Bath Area Food Bank to worship with you that Sunday. If you are worshipping virtually, donations can be dropped off at the church and placed outside the Fellowship Hall doors from Monday, November 2nd thru Friday, November 6th, or your monetary donation for the food bank can be mailed in to the church or donated via “on line giving” on the church website.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP BY PURCHASING GIANT GIFT CARDS.** The group receives 5 percent of the amount purchased. If you would like information about this activity, please speak to Wendi Myers or call the Church Office at 610-759-1652.

**THE ALTAR GUILD HAS THE YELLOW GARBAGE BAGS TO SELL, THE COST IS $10,00/ROLL.** If you are interested, please speak to Donna Schlegel or call the church office at 610-759-1652.