

Sunday, October 31, 2021
All Saints' Sunday

We'd like to thank all who are joining us virtually on YouTube, Facebook, or our website. We welcome our radio audience on WCBC where this service will air next week at 9 a.m. We also welcome those joining us in the Parking lot via *fm92.3*.

Welcome to worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A few reminders of the goings on in our church and community... If you'd like to receive a weekly email letting you know what's coming up at LUMC simply call, email us, or reach us through social media and we will put you on the One Call Now list.
- Sunday School for all ages. Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. [Register your kids here](#). Download the [Parent Cue](#) app for more involvement. A High School class is now available on Sunday morning. Join the youth on Sunday evening @ 6:30.
- October Mission Project – [Operation Christmas Child](#) Help cover mailing costs to send Shoeboxes overseas, \$9. You can give online.
- Dig out your coats from last year, because the United Methodist Women want to redistribute them. Donate for people in need in our area.
- November Mission Project – Thanksgiving Meal Baskets. Help provide a special meal for our neighbors who would not otherwise be able to celebrate, \$30. We will pack boxes on November 21.
- Local mission opportunity: [Maryland Poor People's Campaign: Western Region](#). Bible study with lunch on November 16. Join us!
- Red Cross Blood Drive – November 11, 1:30-7:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church.
- If you would like a "Just Be Kind" lawn sign (\$10), or a daily devotional book (free), please call the church office and request it.

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

146:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

146:2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

146:3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

146:4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

146:5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

146:6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

146:8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

146:9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

146:10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies, we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations, we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** – Be Still, My Soul (vv. 1, 3)

Verse 1

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Verse 3

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears
Then shalt thou better know His love His heart
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears
Be still my soul thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away

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SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18

1:1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

1:3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

1:4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years,

1:5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

1:6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food.

1:7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

1:8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

1:9 The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

1:10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"

1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

1:13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."

1:14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

1:15 So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

1:17 Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

1:18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

SERMON – “Not Far From the Kingdom” Rev. Frankie Revell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and great God, we come to you through Jesus Christ who intercedes for us sinners. We confess our sins, seeking forgiveness not only that we may be at peace with you, but also that we may pray for others. We are ashamed that our prayers are often as self-centered as our lives. Excuse our disordered priorities as we seek to change and reorder our lives according to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ you Son, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! God has chosen you to be saved through sanctification by the Spirit. We are saved by the Spirit through belief in the truth in Christ. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

B. David Hostetter, Prayers for the Seasons on God's People: Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B (Abingdon, 1999), 203-204.

PRAYER QUILTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER Enjoy the Bell Choir

Holy God, architect of the universe, you have wonderfully made every delicate intricacy of this world! Then you placed human beings in the center of it, as we stumble our way through living our lives in union with your will and in harmony with creation. As we offer our tithes and gifts this morning, we thank you for sending your Jesus to show us the way in simple language: loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. May our gifts be dedicated toward making both a reality. In Christ we pray. Amen. (Mark 12:28-34)

***CLOSING HYMN** – Make Me A Servant

Chorus

Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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***CLOSING PRAYER OF INTERSESSION (Please Rise)**

(inspired by Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Mark 12:28-34)

Our prayer today is for all who are victims of cruel laws and petty laws, those who're subjected to prejudice denied opportunities, excluded, pushed to margins.

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for all those who're betrayed, who don't know loyalty, who fear to trust, or to love, and who don't realize that they're already loved by you.

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for the landless and homeless, the refugee and evicted, those who find themselves in foreign places and strange places.

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for the overworked and the underpaid, for those in dangerous work and those in compassionate work, for those who long to work but are denied the opportunity.

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for the Church, for all the branches of the vine including this one we gather as part of, today: body of Christ, people of Christ, for whom the Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for the creation gifts, this earth in all its mighty wonder, yet tender fragility, the gifts of life and resources to treasure.

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Our prayer today is for those who lie close to our hearts those whom we worry about, those whom we miss, those who carry disproportionate burdens at this time...(local intercessions)

The Lord our God is one: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

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***POSTLUDE**

***DISMISSAL**