November 5th, 2023

All Saints Day Reflections on Inclusivity

Individuals have not started living until they can rise above the narrow confines of their individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity. ...Martin Luther King, Jr.

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Barry Semple

* Hymn #301	All are Welcome (Stanza 1)
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PreludeThe Lord is My ShepherdMarcel Dupré

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Leader: I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

People: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

*Hymn #520	D Taste and Se	e
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Call to Confession	Hymn 415
Stanza 1 (no refrain) -	Women
Stanza 2 (no refrain) -	Men
Stanza 3 (no refrain) -	Two Side Sections of the Sanctuary
Stanza 4 (no refrain) -	Center Section of the Sanctuary
Refrain -	A11

Prayer of Confession Now let us silently confess our sins to God.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)

Kyrie, kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison, (Christ, have mercy)

Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, kyrie eleison,

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.

Assurance of Pardon

People:	Hear the good news of salvation:
	Jesus died to show God's love.
	Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
	Come to us from heaven above.
	Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
	Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
	How I love you! Look upon me.
	Love me still and cleanse within.
Leader:	All the sins I have committed,
	to my Savior now I bring.

to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing!

*Passing the Peace

People:	And also with you.
	The peace of Christ be with you.
	let us forgive one another.
Leader:	Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

Promise of Life

Back at life again. A promised life But unknown Indescribable Inexpressible. We rely on images -The marriage feast of the Lamb the white-robed martyrs the choir of saints the voices of archangels the dazzling brightness the Omega the Alpha the last the first the ending the beginning.

There is no season as poignant as autumn, carrying with its glorious color the feeling of sadness as leaves fall, plants die back, and birds depart. In his perfect poem, Robert Frost wrote that *Nothing Gold Can Stay*. We are entwined in the cycles of green and gold, dawn and day, decay and renewal. Within the little death of autumn is the promise of spring's rebirth.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower; But only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf. So Eden sank to grief, So dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay.

At this time, you are invited to come to the Communion Table and write on the leaves the name(s) of those whom you wish to remember in prayer. 3

Prayer for All Saints

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

Especially we give thanks for those whom we have cared and loved: (Church member) Ginny Carlisle, Bonnie Tortora

Those who have also received the church's ministry of Christian Witness to the Resurrection or burial in our cemetery:

Robert Leonard Campi, Nona Goukassoff, William Kelly, Patricia Lyon, Alice Morris

Those unknown to us for whom we have grieved collectively as a nation and as a world, due to disaster, violence and war, and especially the people of the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.

Those whom we have named on the autumn leaves and also in our hearts.

As those remembered have comforted and upheld our souls, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

MeditationPsalm 91You are invited to reflect on the psalm

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

MeditationPsalm 23You are invited to reflect on the psalm

Offering Offertory Thou Art Worthy *Doxology *Prayer of Dedication

arr. Fred Bock

MeditationJeremiah 29:11You are invited to reflect on the words of the prophet

***Hymn** 177

Benediction

Postlude

For All the Saints

arr. Jacob Weber

The Readings

Promise of Life Nothing Gold Can Stay Susan Palo Cherwien Robert Frost

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	
Director of Music Ministries:	
Music Ministry:	
Liturgists:	

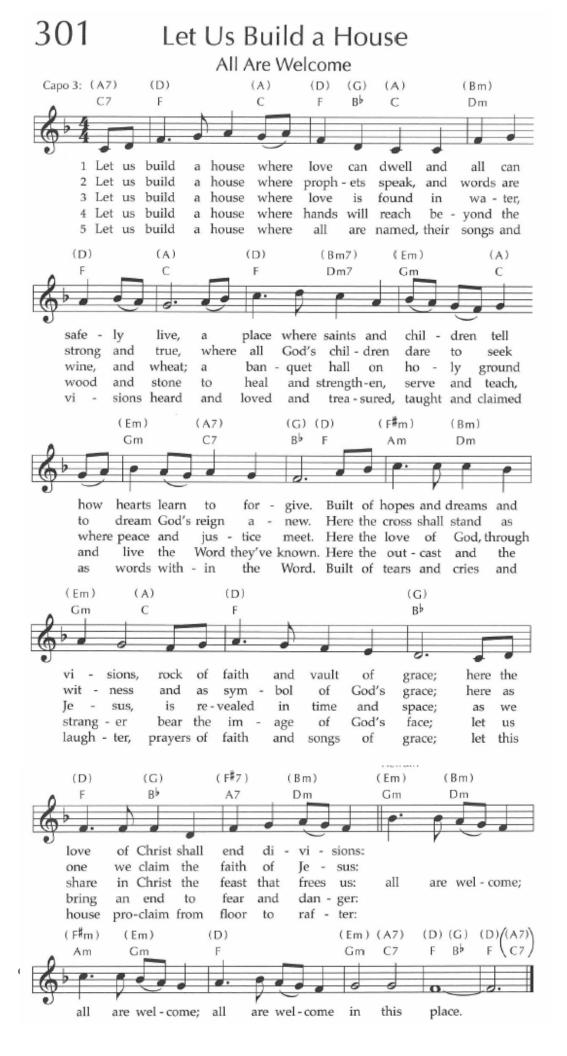
Ushers:

Zoom Hosts:

Social Hour:

Rev. Katja Gruening Marcello Velame Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth Sean Starke Sue Starke Sue Starke Linda Zucaro Peter Bruguiere Bill Schanck John Palframan Jim Wright Christian Education in the back parking lot















Please help donate to those less fortunate.

Shopping List

Cranberry Sauce Canned sweet potatoes Canned Corn Canned Fruit Jars of Jam/Jelly Boxed stuffing mix Pie crust mix Jarred Gravy Pumpkin pie filling



Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 2 from 9:30-2:00

The 2023 Christmas Bazaar *A Taste of Christmas!* is underway. Donations are now being accepted.

We cannot have this event unless everyone takes part and contributes their time, talent and donated items. There are many ways to contribute to this wonderful day of fellowship and fundraising. We need lots of workers to sort and price items before the Bazaar for the following booths:

> *Jewelry *Christmas Treasures *Toys and sports items *Accessories *Book Nook

Everyone is needed to help with the following:

*donate items to be sold,

*bake items for the bake table,

*make soup or whatever your gourmet/homemade specialty is to donate *help with at least one shift at one booth during the Bazaar.

So ask yourself what you like best about the Christmas Bazaar and what you can do, then please VOLUNTEER NOW!! Contact Nancy or Susan (contact info below).

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and COME feel the Christmas spirit on Dec. 2nd

Bazaar Co-Chairpersons: Nancy Vodhanel, <u>nvodhanel@gmail.com</u> or 732-530-7641 and Susan Peterson, susanp.peterson@verizon.net or 732-389-8946. <u>Contact us for</u> <u>information or to volunteer.</u>