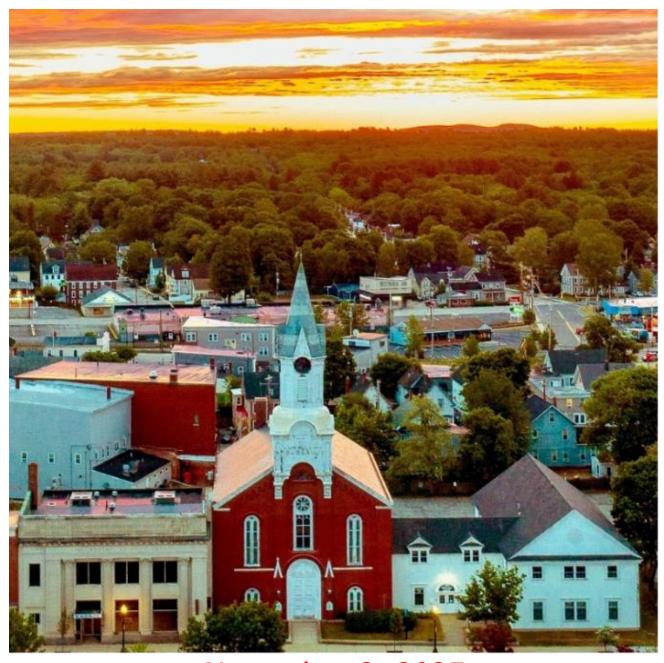
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November 2, 2025

HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINTS

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

PRELUDE <u>Prayer for Humanity</u> Arr. For Handbells by Linda R. Lamb

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#### 

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

### **† HYMN OF PRAISE**



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### † ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY ♦♦♦

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

### We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,

the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.)

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God,

for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,

You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.** 

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

### (Pg. 2) \*\*

### ANTHEM Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

Who are these like stars appearing,
These, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark, they sing,
Praising loud their heav'nly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,

These in God's own truth arrayed,

Clad in robes of purest whiteness,

Robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,

Ne'er betouched by time's rude hand?

Whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in pray'r full oft have striven
With the God they glorified;
Now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These, like priests, have watched and waited,
Offering up to Christ their will,
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night they serve him still.
Now in God's most holy place,
Blest they stand before his face.

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#### A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

### **† HYMN OF PREPARATION**

- "I was there to hear your borning cry,
   I'll be there when you are old.
   I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
   to see your life unfold.
- 2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
- 3. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
- 4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme, from dusk till rising sun.
- 5. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
- 6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
  I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
- 7. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
  I'll be there when you are old.
  I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

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\*GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:35-51

(Pg. 862) \*\*

For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us, Thanks be to God!

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#### **SERMON**

I've Been Meaning to Ask-"Where Are You From"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### † HYMN

#### The Summons



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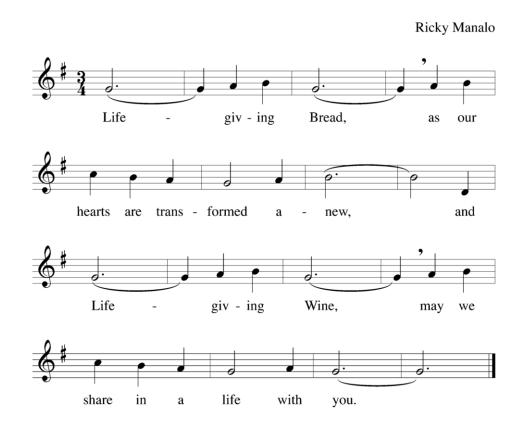
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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### PRAYER SONG

#### LIFE-GIVING BREAD



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#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER SONG** (See Above)

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

During this time, we are grateful for your continuing financial support of our ministries.

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

#### \*DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

# 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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#### Offertory Prayer:

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING \*

The Lord be with you....

### And also with you.

Lift Up Your hearts.....

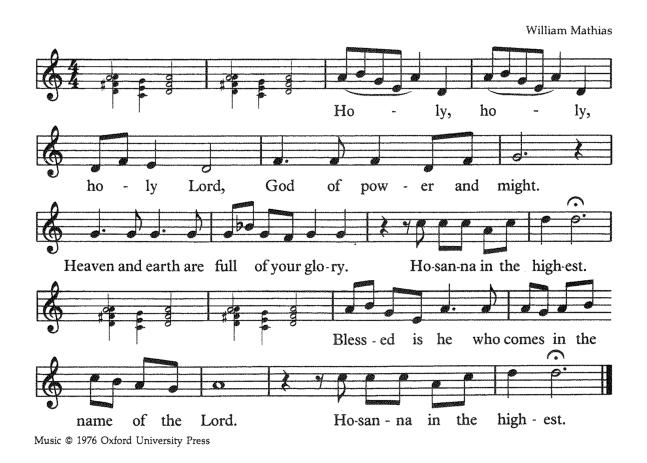
#### We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....

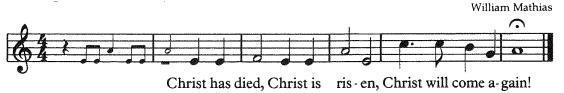
#### It is right to give our thanks and praise

(The celebrant continues with the prayer appropriate for the day)

.... and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



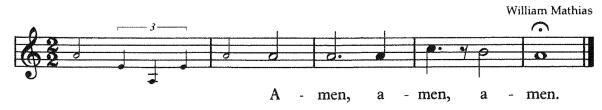
..... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.....



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(The celebrant continues with the prayer appropriate for the day)

..... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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### The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### Prayer Following Communion:

**Eternal God,** 

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

### **† HYMN OF DEDICATION**



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#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **VOLUNTARY**

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**Altar Flowers:** 

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#### **Looking Ahead**

Readings for November 9, 2025
Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Haggai 2: 2-9 // Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 // Luke 20: 27-38



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