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*HOLY COMMUNION  
FOR ALL SAINTS*

(†) *The congregation will please stand as able*  
**(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds**

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*Silent Prayer and Time for Centering*

PRELUDE     Prayer for Humanity     Arr. For Handbells by Linda R. Lamb

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP     ◇◇◇

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](#)

*Unison*

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
 \*4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and  
 We feeble struggle, they in glory shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

*Refrain*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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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

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

1. "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!**

## † GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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### Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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## SERMON

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

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD**

# The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where  
 call your name? Will you care for  
 call your name? Will you set the  
 call your name? Will you quell the  
 call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
 what I mean In you and you in me?  
 touch and sound In you and you in me?  
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

## PRAYER SONG

### LIFE-GIVING BREAD

Ricky Manalo

Life - giv - ing Bread, as our

hearts are trans - formed a - new, and

Life - giv - ing Wine, may we

share in a life with you.

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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

*Unison*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

*Refrain (Harmony)*



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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:*

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain!

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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.*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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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

# 709 Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

1. Come, let us join our friends a - bove who have ob -  
 2. One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one church a -  
 3. Ten thou - sand to their end - less home this sol - emn  
 4. Our spir - its too shall quick - ly join, like theirs with

tained the prize, and on the ea - gle wings of love to  
 bove, be - neath, though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the  
 mo - ment fly, and we are to the mar - gin come, and  
 glo - ry crowned, and shout to see our Cap - tain's sign, to

joys ce - les - tial rise. Let saints on earth u -  
 nar - row stream of death; one ar - my of the  
 we ex - pect to die. E'en now by faith we  
 hear his trum - pet sound. O that we now might

nite to sing with those to glo - ry gone, for all the  
 liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow; part of his  
 join our hands with those that went be - fore, and greet the  
 grasp our Guide! O that the word were given! Come, Lord of

ser - vants of our King in earth and heaven are one.  
 host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
 blood - be - sprin - kled bands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
 Hosts, the waves di - vide, and land us all in heaven.

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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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*Putting Our Faith into Motion*

*By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul*

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