



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord reigns. God lifts up the lowly, and casts down the mighty. The Lord adorns the humble with victory, and visits judgment upon the proud. Rejoice and be glad, for truly the Lord reigns.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Chancel Choir

By Mark A. Miller

***Call to Worship**

Come into God's presence with singing and praise.

We join the assembly of faithful followers.

Bring dancing and melody, joy and laughter.

We gather with the great cloud of witnesses who came before us.

Sing a new song to God, even as we remember ancient wisdom.

We embrace the saints who died in faith, as we proclaim the foundation of our hope.

***Opening Prayer**

God of ages past, hope of days yet to come, we come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving. For those who have gone before us, we gratefully remember their wisdom. For those who will follow after us, we fervently pray for their growth in faith. For those who are here now, we offer you our lives, that we may be faithful disciples of your love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

UMH#454

Children's Message

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Cynthia Willett

Spirit of Truth, open our hearts to the fullness of your word. We long to embrace your compassion: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” But we shrink from your words of judgment: “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” Stir our souls to ease the plight of the poor, and curb our desire to soothe our dis-ease when we turn away from the needy. Transform our failings into a fierce resolve to bear witness to the fullness of your truth. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH#519

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Cynthia Willett

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,^[a] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, **12** so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; **14** this^[a] is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Paul's Prayer

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[c] toward all the saints, and for this reason **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, **18** so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. **20** God^[d] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,^[e] **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. **22** And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(Interlude)

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:20-31

Cynthia Willett

Blessings and Woes

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. **23** Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Love for Enemies

27 “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; **28** bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30** Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Reflecting on God’s Message “It’s All About Perspective” Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

All Saints Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem “Healer of My Heart” Chancel Choir
By Jim Robinson

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

God of abundant love, hear the song of our hearts— a song of thankfulness and praise, a song of hope and expectation, a song of laughter and joy, a song of mirth and good will. May the song of your love sing forth through our tithes and offerings, and through the gift of our very lives. May the joy of our hearts break forth— in acts of comfort to those who weep, in acts of mercy to the poor and imprisoned, in acts of encouragement to the weary. We ask this in the name of your Son, who opened our hearts to see your love. Amen.

COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** “Give Me Jesus” W&S#3140

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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* Part of a street art initiative in an Ithaca, NY,

ALL SAINTS DAY

10.30.2022 | 9:30 AM

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**