Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

All-Saints Sunday

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Words to Ponder: "Part of what makes the Beatitudes so counter-intuitive is that Jesus pronounces God's blessing on those who expose our vulnerability! From that perspective, the secret to happiness is to open yourself and accept life as it is and then to live out of the compassion and integrity of that wholeness." Alan Brehm, "The Waking Dreamer"

Gathering Music

"Thou O Font of Every Blessing" The Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Words of Welcome | *Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ann Hayman

Call to Worship

Cicely Bingener

On this All-Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings, and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.*

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

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Call to Confession

Cicely Bingener

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Saint Maker, that we follow the wrong examples and listen to false teachings. It is the peacemakers who live into your hope; it is those whose hearts are shaped by yours, who are able to see you in the poor and broken; it is those who give themselves to serve others who are your saints, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Friend, our Savior, our Shepherd, guiding us to the wellsprings of life. May we receive this with open hearts! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Cicely Bingener

When we seek God, we are found; when we cry out, we are heard; when we confess, we are forgiven and made new.

We can taste the yeasty flavor of grace, we can drink the deep wine of hope, we can find our home in God's heart, receiving mercy and new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Time with Children "Sticking with Jesus" Rev. Ann Hayman

Anthem "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" Elder Tameron Gennae

Prayer for Illumination Cicely Bingener

Scripture 1 John 3:1-3 (The Message) Cicely Bingener

Sermon "What Do Saints Do in Heaven?" Rev. Ann Hayman

Matthew 5:1-12

Litany of Remembrance

Rev. Ann Hayman

Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory most recently. . . .

Travis Kiel 4/14/22 Donald Ross 7/28/22 Lelia McBath 8/8/22 Karlon Talbert 8/19/22 Andy Bowers 8/22/22 Patsy Okano 10/27/22 Edwin Benjamin 1/12/23 Mildred Cunningham 7/30/23

On this All-Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

We are God's children.

What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at the heavenly banquet. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Ann Hayman

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution (Song: "The Blood")

Prayer following Communion

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

Call to Giving Cicely Bingener

Offertory "Thank You Lord"

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Ann Hayman

Announcements Cicely Bingener

Closing Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" PH #364

Benediction Rev. Ann Hayman

Go now to be saints of God this week.

Not to be holier-than-thou folks, but people

who keep an eye out for those the world has overlooked.

Go now to be servants of Jesus this week.

Not to be those who are better than others,

but those who humble themselves in service.

Go now to be companions of the Spirit this week.

Not those who are on the inside path,

but those who walk with all who have lost their way.

Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude