

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

November 1, 2020

"But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom and possess it forever and ever."

Daniel 7:18

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Creator*

GATHERING PRAYER *Ephesians 2:19*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Come, let us adore the God of everlasting mercy.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you call us together into your family, a family that includes not only those present in one place, but all your children everywhere and those throughout the ages whom you have called home; give us grace to live as brothers and sisters united in love, that we may come to know the joy you have prepared for us; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

At this time we remember all those who have gone before us, along with the members of this congregation who have died this past year. We see that we are indeed surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses." With love they are remembered, and in memory they live.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

May those we remember today be united with the One who is life eternal. May the nobility in their lives and the high ideals they cherished endure in our thoughts and live on in our deeds. And carrying on their work, may we help to redeem your promise. O God, that life shall yet prevail.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE HAPPINESS IS

HYMN OF RESPONSE *You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

ending with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

BLESSING AND SENDING

HYMN *For All The Saints*

POSTLUDE

Announcements

FCC Office Cell Phone Number: 231-260-8559. Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may also text to the cell phone number.

Weekly Calendar:

Sun Nov 01 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service/Remembrance Sunday
Tue Nov 03 11:00 am Virtual Staff Meeting
2:00 pm FCC Food Pantry
Wed Nov 04 9:00 am Building Volunteers
10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship Activity
Thu Nov 05 6:30 pm Worship & Music Virtual Meeting
Sun Nov 08 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service

Weekly Scripture

SUN Nov 01 **ALL SAINTS** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
MON Nov 2 **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
SAT Nov 3 Philippians 1:18b-26; Psalm 42:1-2, 4; Luke 14:1, 7-11
TUE Nov 03 Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22:25-31; Luke 14:15-24
WED Nov 04 Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 14:25-33
THU Nov 05 Philippians 3:3-8a; Psalm 105:2-7; Luke 15:1-10
FRI Nov 06 Philippians 3:17-4:1; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 16:1-8
SAT Nov 07 Philippians 4:10-19; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9; Luke 16:9-15
SUN Nov 08 **23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;
Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13