

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

November 1, 2020, Worship Guide – All Saints Sunday

(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

Music to Center Ourselves: “Song for All Saints”

Kathy Young

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Call to Worship: Psalm 42 (UMH 777/TFWS 2025)

Willy Mannisto and Lisa Myers

Sung Refrain: “As the Deer”

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God.

Sung Refrain: “As the Deer”

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night God’s song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?” Like a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me; they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God.

Sung Response: “As the Deer”

Praise Team

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

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Sharing from the Gospel of John 6:35-40

Laurie de la Garza

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me and still don’t believe. Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won’t send away anyone who comes to me. I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. This is the will of the one who sent me, that I won’t lose anything he has given me, but I will raise it up at the last day. This is my Father’s will: that all who see the Son and believe in him will have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

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Sung Response: “On Eagle’s Wings” UMH 143

Praise Team

And God will raise you up on eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

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Message for Today: “We Have Been Shaken”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Naming the Saints of 2020 – Members

Billie Marmalick, Aug. 25, 1929 – Nov. 8, 2019 Lois Hart, Sept. 22, 1926 – April 14, 2020
Gerald Hampton, Sept. 23, 1947 – June 23, 2020 Kay Alko, Feb. 15, 1936 – Aug. 27, 2020
Ray Young, Sept. 2, 1945 – Sept. 30, 2020 Mikki Petersen, April 1, 1943 – Oct. 1, 2020
Doris Lessard, Mar. 25, 1932 – Oct. 6, 2020

Others: Janet Gorton, Carol Clark, Marcia Lindsay, John Rudenberg, Jace Botsford, Lola Ness,
and all who have died in this 2020 pandemic year from the COVID-19 virus.

*We will read each name, light a candle, ring a bell, and offer our silent prayers. You may want
to light your own candle or candles wherever you are, remembering the losses we grieve,
celebrating the saints who go before us to eternal realms.*

Musical Reflection: “Going Home”

Joy Large

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Trusting that Jesus Christ is the host of this sacrament, welcoming everyone who hungers for the
bread of life and thirsts for the cup of salvation, let us pray:*

Siblings in Christ, join me today, wherever you are, at a table belonging to Jesus the
Christ. Siblings in Christ, join me today for a feast which will comfort our souls. Siblings in
Christ, join me in this sacrament knowing we draw near to God, neighbor, and self in sharing
this meal.

Friends, we come to this bittersweet ritual today filled with a bundle of emotions. While our
gratitude for this family of faith is plentiful, our spiritual pain still may be suffocating us at
five weeks or four months or three years or even decades after the death of our beloved.

Our lives are different. Our homes have empty spaces. And our hearts know well the gaping
holes resulting from our losses.

Even as this void shakes our day-to-day living, we come here looking for hope that we can find
only in you. Through this meal, we connect the past and present together, knowing that
generation after generation has come to your table in their joy and grief.

God, we pray that this feast be one that fills our souls with comfort and quenches our thirsty
sorrow. Even as winter is growing close and nighttime arrives early, this meal will kindle
warmth and light inside our spirits.

May your Holy Spirit bless this bread and cup. May the Spirit bless us as we celebrate at the
peaks of life and as we abide in the shadow-filled valleys. May the Spirit bring us the peace
that will permeate our grief-coated hearts. And may the Spirit use this time and space to
remind us that we are never alone in our shaken lives.

With his friends, Jesus shared his last communion before death. The group recognized the
sacred in their gathering and celebrated their friendship and their community of faith.

One more time, Jesus took the bread and blessed it. In his breaking of the bread, Jesus yearned
for them to remember his teachings and their times together. He said, “Whenever you eat this
bread, remember me.”

One more time, after supper, Jesus took the cup and blessed it as well. In his grasping of the
cup, Jesus yearned for his followers to recall their times together. He said, “Whenever you
drink of this cup, remember me.”

As we join together for this meal, let us remember with gratitude our loved ones who once ate
at this table with us, may we remember our loved ones with whom we have shared other
meals, may we remember with compassion each empty place at each table today. While they
no longer abide with us here today, help us to recognize that they are a part of the great cloud
of witnesses, celebrating eternity with our Creator.

May this meal be a gift to each of our souls today as we share the bread of life and the cup of
salvation. Adapted from “All Saints Sunday Communion Liturgy” posted 10/30/2017 by Michelle L. Torigian

Having blessed our bread and cup, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of God's Holy Spirit, with gratitude to God, we now share the consecrated elements we have where we are, saying "the bread of life" and "the cup of salvation" as we eat and drink. (If you prefer not to participate or were unable to provide the bread and juice where you are, know you are still blessed and beloved, united in the presence of God.)

Music for Communion: "For All the Saints"

Sarah Myers

Offering Our Prayer after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us and through which we have renewed our communion with all your saints. 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, who has taught us to pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Please email prayer requests to mumc@gladstonechurch.org or call (906) 428-9311

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Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you'll join us next time for on-line worship. Until then:

Having been fed at Christ's table, sharing in the rituals of naming and remembering, centering our lives in the reality of God's presence and the power of God's word, may we go from this worship with a renewed hope in God, a refreshed love of Jesus Christ, and a rekindled energy of the Holy Spirit.

Sung Response: "For All the Saints" UMH 711, verses 1,2,4,6

W&S (Worship & Song), TFWS (The Faith We Sing), UMH (United Methodist Hymnal), UMBOW (United Methodist Book of Worship).