

October 31, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Praise God, all people who are called to be saints. Sing a new song to God, and dance for joy.

P: We will be glad in God our Creator. We will rejoice with music and dancing.

L: God takes pleasure in those who are faithful. God lifts up the humble and invites us to share God's glory.

P: We will never cease to give thanks in all things. We seek God's vision and God's wisdom.

L: God calls us to a fresh and abiding hope and imparts to us the good news of salvation.

P: God is merciful to all who live in love and seek to serve with courage and joy. Amen.

***HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

UMH No. 711

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will of love. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever. **Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For the apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

We praise you, O God.

For those no more remembered who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast to their faith in times of trial, and served others,

We praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Jesus Christ,

We praise you, O God.

For all those from this congregation who have gone on before us into eternity,

We praise you, O God.

For all those we name in our hearts, (silence)

We praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then, at last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"* UMH No. 473
MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:20-31

SERMON

"Trick or Treat?" *Rev. Stephen Cady*

***HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

UMH No. 408

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer our gifts and renew our communion with you and with all your saints. Giving thanks for their faithful witness, we dedicate our lives to your service, following them in the joyful task of sharing your word of love for every generation. Amen.

*HYMN

"I Am the Church"

UMH No. 558

*CIRCLE OF LOVE o *Blest Be the Tie That Binds, No. 557*

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.