INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

(Rev. Darren Cushman-Wood)

Leader: Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace with servants among us and saints above us, united in the joy of Christ our Hope:

People: Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors. We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom. Free us from the legacy of their sins. Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendents. Our greed has threatened their well-being, and our hatred has damaged their peace. Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[silent prayer]

Leader: The saying is true for all generations: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY	*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#95
OFFERTORY (Choir)	*Where Shall I Be?*	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		UMH PP. 13-14
HOLY COMMUNION		
*CLOSING HYMN	*I'll Fly Away*	FWS #2282
*BENEDICTION		

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Please join the choir in singing)

v. 1: Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King…

v. 2: No more crying there… v. 3: No more dying there..

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SHARING CHRIST:

LOVE, HOPE, JOY

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 1st, 2026: All Saints' Sunday
GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT *Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul!* Bell Choir

WELCOME & GREETING

PRELUDE (Choir) *Soon And Very Soon* CCLI #1514472

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/responsive-call-to-worship-all-saints.html)
Leader: We remember, O God...
People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,
Leader: We remember, O God...
People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.
Leader: We remember, O God...
People: The gentle strength of grandparents,
the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.
Leader: We remember, O God...
People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,
the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living,
articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.
Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

*OPENING HYMN *For All The Saints* UMH #711, vv. 1-2, 4-5

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)
(Feasting on the Word, Year B, vol. 2 p. 234)
God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse - even through our tears - the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:1 - 12:3
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE *Hymn of Promise* UMH #707, vv. 1-3

THE SERMON *Remember* Pastor Tracey Leslie

NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Leader: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried with Him through baptism so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
People: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.
Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your saints who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. We name them this day and light a candle as a symbol of their everlasting life in you...

(*At the naming of a saint who influenced your life and faith, you are invited to stand)*

Karen Duvall ***June Stanley***
Loren Hampton ***Martha Wunsch***
Beverly Parham

PRAYER (In unison)
For all the saints, we give you thanks, O Lord and we pray that encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's flowers are given in memory of University Heights saints triumphant. Flowers given by **David Wunsch and Jennifer Ferris** are in memory of their mother, **Martha E. Wunsch**. Flowers given by **Stacey Williams, Shelby, and Nick Slowik** are in memory of their mother, **Bev Parham**.

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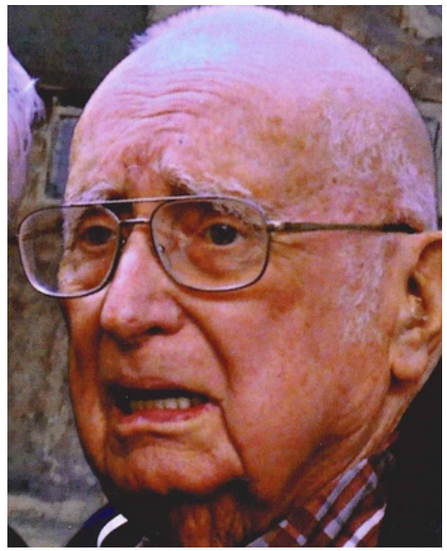

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