

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses

Hebrews 12:1-3

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The service is posted on our website, 1stCH.org, following the service.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 1, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Grace Anderson

Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Keva Green

***Welcome Others to Worship**

Congregation

***Opening Hymn (UMH #711)**

For All the Saints

Spoken by Congregation

Lighting of the Christ Candles

***Call to Worship**

Dr. Oceana Wright and Congregation

Leader: This day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

People: Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

Leader: We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: And we remember, as well, the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

People: Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

Leader: We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

All: They are alive forevermore.

***Opening Prayer**

Dr. Oceana Wright

***Affirmation of Faith (UMH #880)**

Congregation

***Gloria Patri (UMH #70)**

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Keva Green

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Grace Anderson

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***Doxology (UMH #95)**

Spoken by Congregation

Hymn of Preparation (UMH #364)

Because He Lives

Spoken by Congregation

A Service of Remembering

♥ *Names of those whom we remember are called as the bell tolls and their candle is lit.*

♥ *"There Was Jesus", sung by Leticia de la Garza and Santhia Collins*

(During this song... the congregation is given the opportunity to light a candle for those whose names were not called.)

♥ *A moment of silence is observed as we remember those whom we have and still love.*

Message

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Hymn of Response (UMH #89) *May All Who Come Behind us Find Us Faithful (refrain)* Spoken by Congregation

***Benediction**

Dr. Keva Green

***Benediction Chorus**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Spoken by Congregation

***Taking the Light of Christ to our World**

Postlude

Grace Anderson