

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**



**PRELUDE** What is The World To Me (Part 2)  
(Flor Peeters)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Brian Walter

**INTROIT** God in the Darkness (E.J.Smith/C.Gibson)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, you saints of God,  
let us praise and worship the God  
who has brought us together today.

**We have come.**

**Our hearts are ready to give God praise.**

Come, you saints of God,  
you who are ‘set apart’  
to carry out God’s work in the world.

**We have come.**

**We are ready to do God’s will.**

Come, you saints of God,  
remember all those who have gone before us,  
the faithful who have carried the torch of faith  
and lit the way.

**We have come.**

**We remember those who have helped us**

**On our journey and accompany us still.**

In the communion of saints, let us worship God.  
(Sue Webb, Faith Centennial U.C., Selkirk, Ont.)

**\*HYMN** Give Thanks for Life *pg 7*

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshipped you, whether in church camps or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age—holy hands. We thank you, God, for hard-working saints: for those who have gone into the work place of school and child-care, offices and industry, hospitals and churches; they have left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, Loving God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship and love. God in community, Holy in One—we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF GRACE**

God walks with us in all aspects of our living  
and our remembering.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Sing, Sing Out! (Hannah/Melhorne-Boe)  
*MV 180* **Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.**

**Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!**  
**Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**  
*Repeat*

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 34 *pg 7-8*  
(Taste and see the goodness of our God.) Joyce Hagarty

**ANTHEM** You Do Not Walk Alone (Elaine Hagenberg)  
(Purchased in memory of Don Gill, father of Nancy Kerswill,  
by Rev’s Andy & Lorraine)

**GOSPEL** Mark 10:46-52 *p.47 Pew Bible NT*  
(The healing of Bartimaeus.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Days of the Saints

*At the conclusion of today’s message you will be invited  
to come forward to light a candle for the saints in your life...  
for those who have gone before us and for those  
who are with us still.*

**\*HYMN** I Am the Dream (S.C.Tufts/R.Gunn) *MV 106*  
(Sung while candles are being lit.)

I am the dream and you the dreamer.  
I am the song and you are the rhyme.  
You are the tune sung in every silence.  
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

I am the bell and you the silence.  
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.  
I am the blest and you the blessing.  
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

You are the word and I the echo.  
You are the leader and I am the led.  
You are the joy and I the laughter.  
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

**SHARING GOD’S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Canticle of Hope (Cynthia Dobrinski)  
(Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble)

**\*DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** There Is Room For All MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing; there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love. And I rejoice and sing, ‘my refuge and my rock in whom I trust.’ There is room for all, there is room for all.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER**

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**\* HYMN** For the Faithful Who Have Answered *p 8*

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**In the power that we name and experience as God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we leave this time of worship as saints of God, to dance the dance of faith in the world.**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go MV 216

**Wherever you may go, I will follow, and your people shall be my people too. Wherever you may go I will follow, for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**POSTLUDE** For All the Saints (Gerhard Krapf)

**Mission and Service**

Hope and Transformation



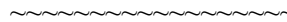
**Empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures**

In a part of El Salvador where the climate is harsh and mining projects have impacted the environment, the Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES) is making a remarkable difference. Partnered with Mission and Service, ADES has launched a transformative agroecology project, bringing hope to rural farmers. This initiative is centred at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm. Here, rural families—primarily led by women—learn sustainable farming practices that recycle nutrients into the soil, protect biodiversity, and reduce production costs.

Thanks to your generous gifts, this project can equip farmers with training, technical expertise, and native seeds, all while promoting environmental stewardship and gender equality. In a region affected by increasing droughts and disrupted agricultural patterns, these new methods help farmers adapt and thrive.

Your support has the power to extend to communities facing severe challenges. By contributing to this project, you are not just providing food; you are also empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures.

**Thank you for your support**



**Remembrance Sunday—November 10th**

Members of the congregation are invited to bring wartime memorabilia for the worship table—photos medals, uniforms, etc for display.



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**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**October 27, 2024**

**11:00 am**

*Our ancestors in faith bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living; upon their lives our lives are built. Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God’s reign even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth. (A Song of Faith. A Statement of Faith. The United Church of Canada.2006)*

### **Give Thanks For Life**

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time or death or dread, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness does its life retain in resurrection to grow green again, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **Psalm 34**

**R Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.**

I will bless God at all times, God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear and be glad.**

O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought God, who answered me, and freed me from all my fears.**

Look to the Most High, and let your light shine, and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard, and saved me from all my troubles. R**

Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you and delivers them.

**Taste and see that our God is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Fear God, you who are the saints, for those who fear God lack nothing.

**Strong lions suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

Come, my children, and listen to me, I will teach you the fear of God.

**Which of you delights in life, and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies. Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**God's eyes are upon the righteous, God's ears open to their cry.**

God's face is set against evil-doers, to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**The righteous cry out and god hears them, and rescues them from all their troubles. R**

God is near to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

God guards every bone in their body; not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;

**none who take refuge in you are condemned. R**

### **For the Faithful Who Have Answered**

For the faithful who have answered when they heard your call to serve, for the many ways you led them testing will and stretching nerve, for their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds, for their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many eyes have glimpsed the promise, many hearts have yearned to see. Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty. Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on. You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share, for the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear, for the vision that our homeland is your love - deep, high, and broad - for the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God.