

**STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing - Together - In Spirit**

**All Saints Day November 1, 2020**

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**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**Opening Prayer:** (For the Communion of Saints #719)

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**God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. We praise you for all who have sought your new creation, and who, by their steadfast faith, have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus. We praise you for those we have known and loved, and pray that we, with them, may follow in the way of Christ, and, at the last, dwell in your holy city, sharing the inheritance of the saints in light, through your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: "Blest Are They"**

**#896**

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**1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.**

**Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.**

**Chorus: Rejoice and be glad!**

**Blessed are you, holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.**

**2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill.**

**3 Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.**

**4 Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.**

**Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.**

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**5 Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.**

**Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Scripture:** Revelation 7:9-17 and Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon:** "O When The Saints..."

**Musical Offering:**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Call to Prayer:** (Playing of the Koshi Chimes)  
**Prayers for Healing and Transformation**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Receive and Offer God's Gifts:**

**Reverse Offering:** Stittsville Food Bank

**Song of Dedication:** (vs. 3) **#218**

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**With voices united our praises we offer**

**and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**WE SHARE IN COMMUNION**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:**

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: O Eternal Our God, we give thanks that from the very beginning, your Spirit breathed life and love into all creation. Through the ages people have opened their hearts to your Spirit, have cherished your gift of life and have shared your love. Even in the face of the darkness which stifles your Spirit, threatens life, and resists love, there were those who believed that One would come who would embody and proclaim abundant life. We give thanks that in Jesus the Christ your self-giving, world changing love has been revealed, that he came to bring justice and compassion, healing and peace to our hurting and broken world. And so we join our voices with the faithful through the ages to offer you our praises as we sing:

**All: #932 Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

One: O God we are grateful that to those bound by fear and despair Jesus offers the invitation to come and find rest and peace by joining in community at the banquet of life and love you spread before us. May we embrace his good news that justice and healing are here for all. Today we come to this feast of life knowing that Jesus' vision is not yet fully here. There are many without bread. There are those still oppressed. There are some who continue to abuse power. There are people who feel unworthy. This bread and cup remind us we that we are nourished by the love Christ embraced and shared. Send your Spirit among us God and on these gifts that we might be re-awakened to your life among us now and always. Amen.

**Receiving the Bread and Cup:**

(We each partake of the bread and cup.)

**Prayer Following Communion:**

**We offer you our thanks, O God, that through sharing this bread and cup, we have been reminded of your love for us in Jesus Christ, and of our unity with all of your people around**

**the world. May the sharing of this meal be a sign of our faith, that you journey with us and all people, even through the difficult times, that your love can remove any barrier within and among us, and that you call us to strive to bring the peace of Christ to all of our relationships and to all the world. Amen.**

### WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

**Hymn: "Give Thanks for Life" #706**

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- 1 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!**
- 2 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!**
- 3 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!**
- 4 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!**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Departing Song: (#579 (VU) Verse 2)**

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**The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**