

21st Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

All Saints Sunday

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

Prelude *Pagina d'album* Michele Mangani
Breanna Cromicko, clarinet; Mirana Stoker, piano

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come here as a people of faith,

People: Thankful for all those who have gone before us.

Leader: We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully and shared and lived the good news.

People: May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.

*Opening Hymn #711 *For All the Saints*

*Centering Prayer

O God of all people, of all times, we are here in your house seeking your presence, in our time of remembrance. We honor those who have finished the race and have received their reward. But at the same time we come here seeking you, O God, who was a constant companion, a source of strength for those we honor. We, too, need your guiding presence as we continue our race. God, we pray that your mighty presence will be felt by all who are gathered here this morning, as we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Amen.

Remembering the Saints

Anthem *Jesus Remember Me*

Witness to God's Generosity Donnie Thompson

Sermon "The Art of Love: Relationships are a Matter of the Heart" Rev. Bates
Text: John 13:34-35

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Generous God, forgive us for all that spoils our lives. Forgive us because though we have seen a vision of your holiness, we have easily put it at the back of our minds. Forgive us because we think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that place has been bought for us at great cost by Christ. Forgive us for not following the example of so many worthy saints who have gone before us. We tend to put them high on a shelf and forget to follow their lead. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call, and thus assure us of our forgiveness in Christ. *(continue to pray in silence)*

Offering & Offertory *Pie Jesu* Weber
Mary Frances Bukva & Melissa Chavez, soloists

*Doxology (#94)

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH pg. 17)

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #712 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please Stand As You Are Able*