The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Georg Philipp Telemann/Hopson "Mercy" Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME

Stephanie Lee, Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We come to give thanks for them.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying["]Here I am! Send me."

We come to ask for guidance and courage.

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship the Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

UMH #711 *Hymn History*: The words to this hymn were written by William How. How was born in England in 1823. He was ordained into the Anglican Church in 1846. After serving in several locations, he was appointed Bishop of Bedford where his duties were to minister to the people of East London. There he worked with the destitute in London's slums and aided people of East London. There he worked with the destitute in London's slums and aided women and children suffering from poverty. He later moved to Wakefield in West Yorkshire and helped the plight of factory workers who labored in difficult conditions in the nineteenth century. This hymn comes from the hymn book <u>Psalms and Hymns</u>. It was originally sung to the music of Joseph Barnby. The famed English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams set the hymn to music in 1906 and this is the version most commonly used today. How died in Ireland in 1897.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Holy One be with you; And also with you. Let us pray.

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Remembering the Communion of Saints

see insert

Prayer of Celebration

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

*Congregation invited to stand if able

ANTHEM 9:00 "On Eagle's Wings" Micahel Joncas, Setting by Joel Raney Judy Elias, flute

11:00 "Come Home" Craig Courtney Chancel Choir; Dave Sechnick, soloist; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY 9:00 "Lamb of God" Twila Paris, Setting by Joel Raney "The Ground" Ola Gjeilo 11:00

Chancel Choir; Dave Sechncik, soloist; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts, tithes and offerings, O Lord. Use them to further your kin-dom. Connect our giving to our worship so that all we do becomes an act of gratitude and generosity in your spirit, magnifying your love, power and new life.

SCRIPTURE		Matthew 23:1-12, p. 700
MESSAGE	"Inspired: Greatness and Humility"	Rev. Steve Stultz Costello
Holy Communion	The Great Thanksgiving, UMH 18 – Musical Setting B	

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Lord, Speak to Me"

UMH #463

***FAITH IN ACTION**

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

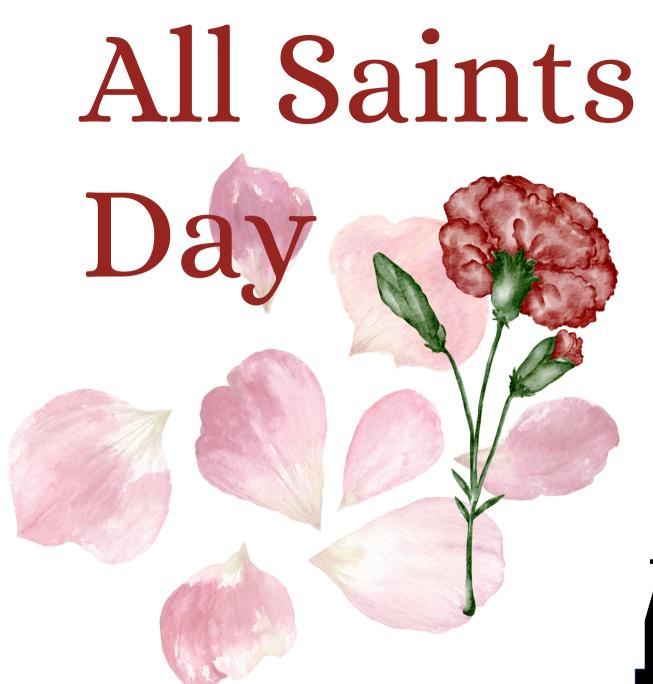
"Toccata in e minor"

Pachelbel

Altar Flowers are presented by Judy Garris In Loving Memory of Opal Pinasky & to the Glory of God

A Rose is placed on the Altar in Celebration of William Robert Schirm, who was born on October 24, 2023 to John and Julie Schirm, Grandson of Kitty Schirm

For flowers please call Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485



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