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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP — Hebrews 12:1-2 WEB

1 Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside
every weight and the sin which so easily
entangles us, and let's run with perseverance
the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus,
the author and perfecter of faith, who for the
joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising its shame, and has sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God.

INTROIT UMH #530 — "Are Ye Able"[1] (Refrain) — https://youtu.be/KsSJkbDZpFw

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, On this All Saints Sunday, we pause at the river's edge.
We remember the saints who stepped into deep waters before us, trusting Your presence even when the path was unclear.
Give us that same courage today.
Steady our feet, strengthen our hearts, and lead us forward into the future You are preparing.
Make us faithful in our time, as they were faithful in theirs. Amen.

AFFIRMATION — "The Apostle's Creed" — UMH # 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

HYMN UMH #127 — "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"[2] — https://youtu.be/aVTK2kaxqXo

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

ANTHEM (Suggested) **"Oceans"** https://youtu.be/a8d7yrKK1X4
BYU Noteworthy

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 14:22–33 WEB**

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get
into the boat and go ahead of him to the other
side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23
After he had sent the multitudes away, he
went up into the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening had come, he was there alone. 24
But the boat was now in the middle of the sea,
distressed by the waves, for the wind was
contrary. 25 In the fourth watch of the night,
Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. 26
When the disciples saw him walking on the
sea, they were troubled, saying, "It's a ghost!"
and they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately
Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Cheer up! It is I!
Don't be afraid."
28 Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is
you, command me to come to you on the
waters."
29 He said, "Come!"
Peter stepped down from the boat and walked
on the waters to come to Jesus. 30 But when he
saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid,
and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying,
"Lord, save me!"
31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand,
took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little
faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got
up into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Those who
were in the boat came and worshiped him,
saying, "You are truly the Son of God!"

JOYS & CONCERNS and MORNING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God,
On this All Saints Sunday, we gather at the river's edge with gratitude for the saints who shaped our lives and this church. We thank You for their steady faith, their quiet courage, and the light they carried that still guides us.
We confess that the waters before us sometimes feel deep. We face changes, burdens, and questions we cannot solve alone. Yet You are the God who meets Your people in the river, who steadies our steps, and who leads us forward.
Give us courage to take the next faithful step. Strengthen those who grieve, comfort the weary, guide the searching, and surround the lonely with Your presence. Make us saints in our own time—persistent, loving, and willing to serve.
As we remember those who now rest in Your care, help us live so future generations see Your grace in us.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

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.

HYMN UMH #711 **"For All the Saints"** [3] https://youtu.be/vjFrhXRyi9E

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 3:7–17 WEB**

7 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to
magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they
may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be
with you. 8 You shall command the priests who
bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you
come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan,
you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"
9 Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come
here, and hear the words of Yahweh your God."
10 Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the
living God is among you, and that he will
without fail drive the Canaanite, the Hittite, the
Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the
Amorite, and the Jebusite out from before you.
11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord[a]
of all the earth passes over before you into the
Jordan. 12 Now therefore take twelve men out of
the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. 13 It
shall be that when the soles of the feet of the
priests who bear the ark of Yahweh, the Lord of
all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan,
that the waters of the Jordan will be cut off. The
waters that come down from above shall stand
in one heap."
14 When the people moved from their tents to
pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore the
ark of the covenant being before the people, 15
and when those who bore the ark had come to
the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore
the ark had dipped in the edge of the water (for
the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of
harvest), 16 the waters which came down from
above stood, and rose up in one heap a great
way off, at Adam, the city that is beside
Zarethan; and those that went down toward the
sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were
wholly cut off. Then the people passed over
near Jericho. 17 The priests who bore the ark of
Yahweh's covenant stood firm on dry ground in
the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed
over on dry ground, until all the nation had
passed completely over the Jordan.

There's a moment in scripture when God's people stand at the edge of something new. The Jordan River is in front of them—wide, moving, unpredictable. Behind them is forty years of wandering. Ahead of them is promise. But between the wandering and the promise is water. And the water is not parting yet.

Joshua tells the priests, *"Take the ark of the covenant and step into the river."* **Not wait until it's safe. Not wait until the water moves. Not wait until you are sure.** Just—*step in*.

And scripture says the waters part **after** their feet touch the river.

On this All Saints Sunday, we stand in a similar place. We stand between memory and mission, between what God has done and what God is calling us to do next. And like those priests, we are invited to step into the water.

All Saints is a day when the sanctuary feels full, even if the pews do not. We feel the presence of people who shaped us—people whose faith formed the bones of this church.

We remember the saints who taught Sunday School with three crayons and a flannel board. The saints who sang in the choir long after their knees hurt and their voices trembled. The saints who cooked funeral meals, who prayed over hospital beds, who stocked the Coat Closet quietly and faithfully. The saints who sat in these pews and whispered "Amen" at just the right moment.

Some of them were bold. Some were quiet. Some were funny. Some were stubborn. Some were complicated. But all of them—every single one—stepped into the water at some point. They took a risk for faith. They trusted God when the path was not clear. They carried the light so we could see.

And today, we honor them not just by remembering their names, but by continuing their work.

Joshua 3 gives us a picture of what faith looks like when the future is uncertain.

The priests carry the ark—the symbol of God's presence—and walk toward the river. Scripture says the Jordan was at flood stage. This was not a gentle creek. This was a river that could sweep you away.

And yet God says, *"Step in."*

The miracle does not happen until their feet touch the water.

That is the part that gets me every time. God could have parted the river early. God could have made it easy. But instead, God invites them to trust.

The saints we remember today lived that kind of trust. They stepped into waters of grief, waters of change, waters of uncertainty, waters of calling. And God met them there.

Here on the Eastern Shore, we know something about water. We know marshes and tides and creeks that rise and fall. We know that sometimes you do not see the firm ground until you are already walking on it.

Our church has had its own Jordan River moments.

We have stepped into the water when ministries needed rebuilding. We have stepped into the water when the world felt uncertain. We have stepped into the water when we cared for aging parents, when we grieved losses, when we wondered what the future of rural church life would look like.

And every time—every single time—God has met us in the river.

Not always with instant answers. Not always with parted waters. But always with presence.

The saints teach us that faith is not about having everything figured out. It is about taking the next step.

They teach us that holiness is not perfection—holiness is persistence. It is showing up. It is carrying the ark one more mile. It is stepping into the water even when you are scared.

- Some of the saints we remember today stepped into the water by forgiving someone.
- Some stepped in by serving quietly.
- Some stepped in by giving generously.
- Some stepped in by praying faithfully.
- Some stepped in by loving this church with their whole heart.

And now, church, it is our turn.

All Saints is not only a day of memory—it is a day of mission.

We honor the saints best by becoming saints for someone else.

So, what does stepping into the water look like for us?

- Maybe it looks like reaching out to someone who is lonely.
- Maybe it looks like volunteering in a ministry that needs hands.
- Maybe it looks like praying for someone who is hurting.
- Maybe it looks like forgiving someone you've avoided.
- Maybe it looks like giving your time, your gifts, your presence.
- Maybe it looks like trusting that God still has a future for this church—because God does.

The saints did not build this place so we could stand on the shore. They built it so we could step into the water.

When the priests step in, the waters part. The people cross. And scripture says they set up stones—twelve stones—so future generations would know what God had done.

We are living stones of what God has done here. We are the testimony. We are the next chapter.

And the saints—those we name today and those we carry in our hearts—are cheering us on. Hebrews says *we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.* I believe that. I believe they are urging us forward, saying: "Do not stop now." "Do not be afraid." "God is faithful." "*Step in.*"

So today, as we remember lives that shaped us, let us also listen for the call of God:

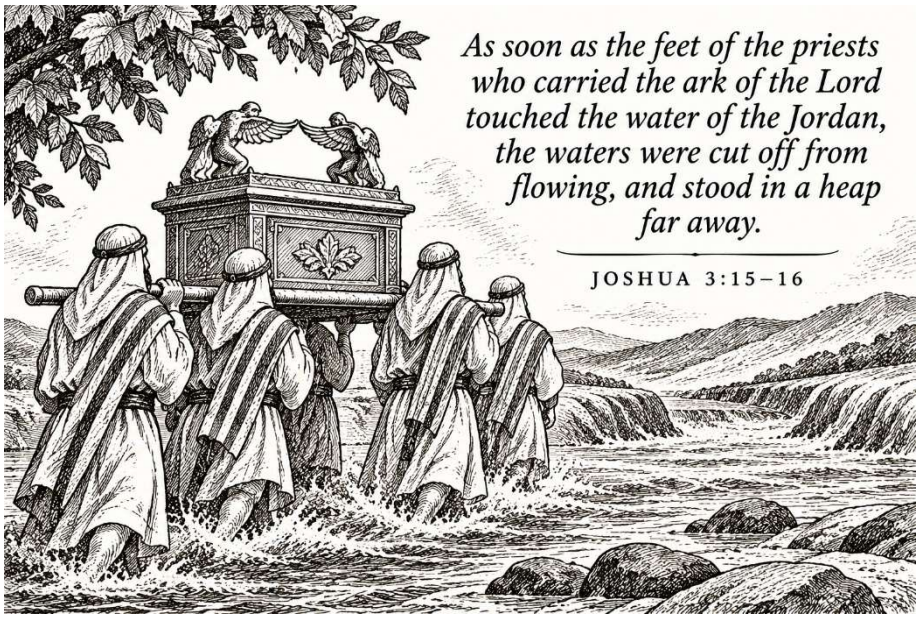
- Step into the water.
- Carry the light forward.
- Trust that God is already in the river waiting for you.

The saints stepped in. Now it is our turn.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Prayer

God of the river and God of the promise, thank You for the saints who stepped into deep waters before us. Give us courage to take our own faithful steps, trusting that You will meet us in every uncertain place. Steady our feet, strengthen our hearts, and lead us into the future You are preparing. **Amen.**✞



HYMN UMH #702 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"[4] https://youtu.be/OA6tXqv83eU

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices;
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

BENEDICTION

Go now as the people of God,
surrounded by the saints who stepped into
deep waters before you. May their courage
steady your feet, may God's presence meet you
in every river you face, and may Christ lead
you forward with hope and peace. Go in grace,
go in strength, go in the company of the saints.
Amen.

RESPONSE UMH #530 "Are Ye Able" [5] (Refrain) https://youtu.be/kC-y9sZOZ2c

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

- The United States of America, other countries around the world, and our leaders
- War-torn areas including Ukraine, Venezuela & the Middle East
- Americans serving in the armed forces and in dangerous foreign diplomatic posts.
- Our missionary in Cambodia, Clara Mridula Biswas.
- Persecuted Christians
- The United Methodist Church and The Virginia Annual Conference led by Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson, and our Coastal Virginia District, led by DS Elizabeth Givens

- Dawn Bloodworth
- Praise for Nadia Alzabedi coming home
- Logan Holland
- Elizabeth Edwards
- Judy Whitesides
- Elizabeth Powell
- Roy Elsasser
- Debbie & George Davis
- Norman Bowling
- Jake Canody
- Susan Beasley
- Kathy Greene
- Bonnie Hill
- Ann Nicholson
- Dot Gardner
- Linda Beasley
- Don Bowling
- Bobby Wood
- E. A. McMath
- Nancy Fitchett
- George McMath
- Dianne Nickel
- Praise for successful OOTB summer
- Travel Mercies
- Unspokens

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- *Kerry Duer Klein*
- *Charles L. Parks*
- *David Drummond*
- *Alma Reed*
- *Laura Moore*
- *Rev. Clarence Bowen*
- *Bev McMath*

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Sunday November 1 after church

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10 am

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