

Order of Worship
October 30, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 119:137-144)

Leader: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

People: Your promises are well tried, and we praise your faithfulness.

Leader: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

People: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live abundantly in your presence.

*Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” # 260

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Almighty God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep and have often refused to listen to your call to faithful discipleship. We have left undone things which we ought to have done and we have done things which we ought not to have done. Gracious God, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who repent and turn back to you; and restore those who seek you with humble hearts. We trust that you will hear us for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who gave his life so that we might be new creations in him. Amen.

Confession Response: “**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**” # 574

Greeting One Another

*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn Singing (See the hymn inserts)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

All Saints’ Liturgy

Leader: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

All: We praise you, O God, for their lives of faith. For all the saints who followed, obeyed, and adored you, leaving us wonderful examples to follow.

Leader: We are thankful to be surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.

All: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us. Ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died, that we might be who we are and where we are today – your precious children in this community of believers.

Leader: We thank you for their legacies. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who died believing in you, who counted you their greatest reward.

All: We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.

Leader: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help us, guide us and uplift us – children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

All: We thank you for them all and we humbly pray that we may be like them – living and dying in you.

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Amen.

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: “For All the Saints” verses 1, 3 & 4 # 526

*Charge and Benediction