

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 31, 2021 – All Saints Sunday

For the transformation of the world, we make disciples of Jesus the Christ.

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- Do you need a Bible? We have paperback Bibles free at the churches, great for study, notes, highlighting and digging deeper into our weekly messages. Come and get one or request one.
- Potluck Dinner and Comedy Night is Nov. 7th, bring a dish to share ready to eat at 5:30pm. After the meal we will watch *Thou Shalt Laugh*
- Ladies Coffee and Conversation is Thursday morning at 9:30. Come to St. James UMC in Coburn for hot coffee, tea, and lots of good treats and conversation. All are welcome!
- Potluck Dinner & Comedy Night, Nov. 7th at Sprucetown Church, 177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills! Bring a covered dish to share, ready to start dinner at 5:30 which will be followed by a viewing of “Thou Shalt Laugh” Stand Up Comedy Show. We all could use a good laugh. Hope to see you there.
- The next “Coffee with Pastor Theresa” is Tuesday, Nov. 9th at Earlstown Diner at 9am

CENTERING WORDS Believe first. For Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look, here is our God, the One we have waited for.

**Many: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

One: Come feast on rich food and dine on fine wine.

**Many: Enjoy the blessings of the Lord, the vindication from our God.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord

OPENING PRAYER

**God of new beginnings, remove the shroud that separates us from one another and from your mighty presence, that we may see you as you are. Wipe away our tears and take away our disgrace, that we may come before your throne with hearts full of song and souls ablaze with joy. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die and enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that whether living or dying, our hearts will always belong to you. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above [United Methodist Hymnal #709](#)

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE We Are Family

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE [Revelation 21:1-6a](#) // [John 11:32-44](#)

MESSAGE You’ve Got to Believe It to “See It”

ALL SAINT’S PRAYER (recited in full together) [United Methodist Hymnal #713](#)

CLOSING HYMN For All the Saints [United Methodist Hymnal #711](#)

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK’S SELF STUDY: Spirit Poured Out

Read: [Mark 12:28-34](#)

- Why might have this scribe asked Jesus his question? [Curiosity, Impressed by Jesus, Hoped to impress Jesus, Hoped to trap Jesus]
- What in the scribe’s response impressed Jesus? [Love of God and neighbor being more important than empty ritual, v. 33.]
- Why do you think Jesus replied to the scribe the way he did? Why is Jesus’ reply both an affirmation and an invitation for the scribe? [Affirmation of the scribe’s beliefs and an invitation to go even further with his thinking.]
- What might this passage teach us about Jesus? [His focus on embodied love.]
- What might this passage teach us about how we are to live a good life?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*Gracious God, your love for us is an invitation into a new way of life. We give you thanks for those who have faithfully followed you and demonstrated the way of Christ’s holy love. Empower us to be those who brightly shine the light of God’s love through our words and silence, our actions, and our stillness. Amen.*

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