

**Peace United Church of Christ
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10:30am
All Saints Day**



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Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 149

Rev. Laurie Crelly

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Let us praise God together!
We praise God's name with dancing,
We worship with melody and rhythm.
In life and in death, God's faithfulness persists,
God's glory is for all of us, now and forever.
Let us worship God!

*Song

For All the Saints

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***For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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

*Prayer of Confession

Beloved God, known to us and our spiritual ancestors, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn, and hold our loved ones in eternal rejoicing and love. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with anyone but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news! Through the generations, we have imperfectly tried to follow God, and through the generations, God has forgiven us through the promise of Jesus Christ. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Amen!**

Adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(Sing amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(Sing amen) Amen amen, amen amen, amen, we praise your name, O God!

Hebrew Bible Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Darlene Leafgren, reader

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Anthem

Pie Jesu, Andrew Lloyd WebberJennifer Boyle
Mary Pat Renaud

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

Holy Angels

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You are held by holy angels

Holy angels all around you

"Hush, now, sleep child," sing the holy angels

"We are holding you. You can rest."

"Morning will come, child.

The dawn will break through the darkness.

***We are holding you
through the light of the newborn day."***

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be

done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Amen

Stewardship Testimonial

Jessica Schirle

Offertory

Parting Glass, trad.

Gudrun Witrak
Corinne Freedman Ellis
Jo Johnson

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to God. **It is a joy to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(In the United Church of Christ all are welcome to participate in Communion. Gluten free crackers are on the tray and we use non-alcoholic grape juice.)

Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God, we give thanks for all we have received at this table through the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Oh when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in***

***And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in***

***Oh when the trumpet sounds the call
Oh when the trumpet sounds the call
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in***

***When the air is pure and clean
When the air is pure and clean
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in***

***When we all have food to eat
When we all have food to eat
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in***

*Closing Song

When the Saints Go Marching In

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:
Owen, Liz, Hugh, & Hazel Fifield, Greeters
Eden Gray, Cindy Macaulay, and Guy & Nadine Hubert, Ushers
Kate Dean and Lu Filkins, Nursery Attendants