

Ephraim Moravian Church - Ephraim, WI

All Saints' Day

November 1st, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements

“My Maker” – by Paul Gordon

Watchword for All Saints' Day: *Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!* - Revelation 7:10

Hymn #389 “All Who Have Gone Before Us”

All who have gone before us Christ's victory now share
In Christ they are established in God's eternal care;
In Christ their pain is ended, in Christ death's sting is done
In Christ, all cares forgotten, their perfect joy begun.
*All who've gone before us, Christ's victory now share
God, bless them all, God, bless them all in your eternal care!*

All who have gone before us have shown us how to live
A life of faith and service; to pray, to praise, to give;
And so as we remember, more so, we pray that we
May follow their example, God's ministers to be. *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 34: 1-10, 22
Revelation 7: 9-17

“You Walk With Me” – by David Yazbek

Reflection

Meditation

“For Good” – by Stephen Schwartz

Benediction

Postlude “Rondo from Abdelazer” - by Henry Purcell

Reflection - by Rev. Cory Kemp

Today is All Saints' Day. We've celebrated this day in the Christian Church since the first century, remembering and honoring those known and unknown to us as faithful followers of God, those who have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses. It is also a day that gives us some historical perspective: on God's work through human beings; on how we are all so intimately linked by faith with everybody who came before us; in being loved by God; in loving God back.

None of us, including you and I, are exempt from human history:

Not David, who suffered troubles in his life, and through whom we are told, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him... The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned."

Not the author of Revelation who tells us, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Not whomever you are thinking of today. We are not exempt from human history, but neither are we in bondage to it. God's ever-present loving kindness links us to the eternal grace, strength and faith of everybody who knew, loved and served God in their lives. This is our heritage and our legacy, for, as faithful followers of God, we are all saints too!

Rev. Ken Carlson, Guest Pastor

Mr. Colin Welford, Music Director

Mr. Ram Rojas, Lay Reader

Ms. Allie Babich and Ms. Molly Rhode, Guest Musicians

