

◇ Benediction

Go with a tender and grateful heart, remembering that you may be the only gospel that your neighbor reads this week. So, in all you do, and in all you say, spread the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the friendship of the Holy Spirit. You are blessed by the grace, love, and friendship of our Creator, and now you are commissioned to share it by being a blessing in this world. Amen.

◇ Benediction Response | *Go in Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude | *Gloria* by Marcel Dupré

You are invited to stay for the postlude

◇ *please stand as you are able*

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of all of the individuals that we light a candle for today, who are no longer with us in person, but for whom we carry in our hearts.

Lay Reader: JoAnna Hamilton

Acolytes: Lenny Bobinski and Frank Hemmerich

Communion Stewards: Tim Boswell, Will Boswell, and Steve Swan

Ushers: Clayton Cutler, Matthew Jamieson, Chuck Kaczmarek, Glenn Knight, Omer Yalincak

Greeters: Side: Rosa Klotz Tower: Bob Klotz

10/28/2018 Worship attendance: Laity Sunday 10:00 – 164

Church School Attendance: 43

Total Attendance: 207

Our Pastor – Gene Ott

Music Director – Bridget Scarlato

Organist – Kari Miller

Contemporary Music Director – Dorothy Cowles

A Stephen Ministry Church

Simsbury United Methodist Church



“Saints in Waiting”

“A Saint is a Sinner that keeps trying”

-St. Josemarie Escriva

**10:30 a.m.
Nov. 4, 2018**

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All Saints Sunday
Worship Service – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome

Prelude | *Elegy* by C. Hubert H. Parry

◇ Call to Worship (*responsively*)

One: In a world that oppresses the most vulnerable,

All: We praise a God who watches over the outcast and the stranger.

One: In a world where food is wasted while others live in famine,

All: We praise a God who provides enough food for all.

One: In a world where it can be hard to remain hopeful,

All: We praise a God who keeps faith forever, from generation to generation.

One: Come, let us worship God.

◇ Opening Hymn | *Marching to Zion* #733 (*Stanza 1: Choir Only | Stanzas 2-4: Choir and Congregation*)

◇ Opening Prayer | (*unison*)

Sovereign God of all things good, we gather to recall the great love story of our faith, so that we may embody it in our daily lives, and share it with future generations. In our worship and in our living may your love remain ever-present. Amen.

Honoring the Saints | (please see insert)

As their names are read, a bell will be rung in memory of those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday.

A Time for Children

First Lesson | Revelation 21:1-6a

Second Lesson | Mark 12:28-34

Message | “*Saints in Waiting*” Pastor Gene Ott

◇ Hymn of Response | *For All the Saints* #711

Pastoral Prayer (*responsively*)

Eternal God, for all the saints, who are now at rest from the labors of life, who resisted evil, toiled for justice, and proclaimed your gospel, at all times and in all places, we sing:

Alleluia, alleluia.

For all the saints, who continue to trust in you, our rock, although they are living in uncertainty and fear, and although they are fighting against the hardships of life. Even in the midst of sorrow, they continue to sing:

Alleluia, alleluia.

For all the saints, who faithfully do the work of the church, and constantly seek peace and unity with God, neighbor, and self, We give thanks, and we sing:

Alleluia, alleluia.

For all the saints, who have prayed together for thousands of years, we join in their songs of praise, by praying the ancient prayer that Jesus taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer | Blue Hymnal #895

Offertory Music | *Beautiful River*, arr. John Rutter | Chancel Choir

◇ Presentation of Gifts/Doxology #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◇ Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Loving God, we give thanks for life and for all the faithful who have shared their lives and their gifts with us. We give thanks for the faithful who have taught us through their actions how to love you and all of your creation. We give thanks for the faithful who continue to live your gospel and be your church. We give thanks for the opportunity to give. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving | *Hymnal Page 12*

Music During Communion | *Bread of the World* by Richard Shepherd | Chancel Choir

Prayer After Receiving: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go now into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

◇ Closing Hymn | *Thank God for the Saints (Please see Insert)* | Lyrics by Lori Garcia in Celebration of the Ministry of Richard and Ann Gallion