

today

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.

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

(See back of announcements for a full staff listing)

Early Communion Service

Simsbury United Methodist Church

*“Saints in
Waiting”*



*“A Saint is a Sinner that
keeps trying”*

-St. Josemarie Escriva

**8:00 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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

A Service of Word and Table | *Hymnal* #12

(There follows prayers of praise for God's acts of creation, concluding...we join with the song of unending praise, saying:) **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”**

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Meal

Music during Communion | *Fugue on the Kyrie* by Francois Couperin

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)

♦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 alway. Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you alway.

Postlude | *Gloria* by Marcel Dupré

You are invited to stay for the postlude

♦ *please stand as you are able*