



# Community of Faith United Methodist Church

October 31, 2021

8:30 AM

All Saints Sunday

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## Worship Guide

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*God with Angels and Saints*

Mosaic, Philippines, c. late twentieth century

### THOUGHT FOR THE MORNING

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones."* Psalm 116:15 (NRSV)

*Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved; they are not loved because they are attractive. This is the love of the cross.*

-- Martin Luther, Quoted by Allan W. Townsend in *A Short Life of Luther*

### MUSIC OF PRAISE

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* UMH #712

*More Like You* #2167

### OPENING PRAYER

In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Strong in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours and  
**we come to be your people, O God.**

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

### \*HYMN

*For all the Saints*

UMH #711

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with

all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## WITNESS TO THE WORD

Rev. Rob Vaughn

## OFFERING & REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

God of the Saints; We give you thanks, O God, for every saint who ever worshiped you. Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored, where your scriptures were studied, your people served.

We give you thanks, O God, for centuries of hands in service: hands groomed, hands stained with grease or soil, Young hands, hands marked with age' Holy hands of every shade raised in praise, Serving hands that cooked, hammered, and held.

We give you thanks, O God, for hardworking saints; Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, Blue-collared or three-piece-suited they ministered on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

We give your thanks, O God, for saints in a season of pandemic; family and friends whose love was taken from us too soon, Caregivers of every kind who put our safety before theirs, employers and landlords who gave us steady wages and roofs over our heads, Cooks and drivers that kept us fed and stocked. So, in gratitude for the gifts of these saints we take a moment to name them before you, and the body of Christ, claiming their lives as a gift to the church:

Today we also light a candle for all the saints who have been lost in this community and in years past that are on our hearts today. *(you are invited to light a candle for those you would name)*

Finally, we light one more candle acknowledging all the saints who lost their lives to COVID-19. We acknowledge that over 1,200 people in Fairfax, over 736K in the US who have died due to this virus and we pray for their families and friends who are mourning them today.

Thank you, God, for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. May we walk wisely in their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. We commit to continue their legacy of walking in The Way. May new generations find us worthy to be called saints in your kingdom. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP

## \*BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Go Now in Peace*

UMH #665

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you.*



*\*Due to CoVid health precautions, there are several changes in our usual order of service. There is less liturgy and music, and the entire service is planned to be 20% briefer, providing a shorter amount of time inside. Our refreshments are found "on the patio" outside the entrance doors to allow for a more relaxed fellowship time. Also, our children's activities are predominately out of doors through September. As conditions change, so will our protocols. Thank you for your patience and gentleness with one another as we seek to find safer ways to be together.*

## Announcements

### Scouting for Food | Saturday November 13, 2021

This annual event is where we receive most of our non-perishable items for the Food Pantry for the year. Because of your generosity with your time and donations, we are able to feed over 100 families each week. A few things to remember \* The event is OUTSIDE. Dress for the weather. \*Face Masks are required \* You must check-in upon arrival \* Lunch will be provided. \*\* To sign up click for [OnRealm](#) OR [Signup Genius](#). For questions, contact Hannah Godfrey at [food@cofumc.org](mailto:food@cofumc.org).

**Adult Church School meets at 9:30 AM** and is a hybrid experience – both in-person and online. To experience it online, just [click this link](#).

### Financial Contributions

Offerings may be made online at the church website [www.cofumc.org](http://www.cofumc.org), by texting to 73256 and in the message, enter COFUMC, or checks can be mailed to 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, VA 20171-4034.

### Is your OnRealm Account up to date?

Please check your OnRealm.org account to be sure it's up to date and set up so you don't miss any notifications. You can determine how you are notified (beyond our usual emails) by clicking under your name and then on "notification settings." If you have any questions, just connect with Di Hannum in the office. Thank you.

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## What's Happening This Week

SUNDAY (October 31) Indoor Worship 8:30 & 10:30AM  
SUNDAY (October 31) Adult Sunday School 9:30AM  
SUNDAY (October 31) Youth Group Halloween Party 10:30AM  
SUNDAY (October 31) Christian Worship Assembly 1PM  
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNINGS – Food Distribution Prep @11AM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY (November 1) Oak Hill Preschool  
TUESDAY (November 2) Food Distribution 4:30 – 6:00PM  
TUESDAY (November 2) Vespers with Pastor Rob  
WEDNESDAY (November 3) Boy Scouts 7PM  
THURSDAY (November 4) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM  
SUNDAY (November 7) Daylight Savings Time  
SUNDAY (November 7) UMM Breakfast 7AM  
SATURDAY (November 13) Scouting for Food 9AM  
SUNDAY (November 14) Pledge Sunday

## Prayers

Alayne Leang, Gail Harman, Betty Duddey  
Birthday joys to Troy & Jake Fries upon their 25<sup>th</sup>

### *For our parents and families*

Cloe Swan (Michael's daughter) on her transition to Scotland with her husband Mark, Greg Carter's brother  
Troy, family of Bill Huff, on his acceptance into a Christian studies program in Colorado  
Pat LeClere's niece Kara, grandson Jackson and daughter Erin  
Tracy – prayers for cancer treatment (colleague of Gwen)  
Charlie & Hannah Folsom for a healthy pregnancy

Margaret, Winnie's mom dealing with depression  
Randy, recovery from a liver transplant (nephew of Dhana Magness)  
Jenna, for cancer surgery (Rich Rosenberg's cousin)  
Mark, for living with Alzheimer's (brother of Joel David)  
Danny Perez, father of Di Hannum Beatty  
Lara Fries' Aunt Libby & her family in SW VA with pancreatic cancer  
Parents of Laura Babbitt (Nancy), Lara Fries (Shelby), Bane Vaughn (Betty Shamburger), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller, Winnie Rosenberger's mom (Margaret)

***For Friends & Neighbors***

TD, a former co-worker of Steve Greenberg upon recovery from injuries from a traumatic fall  
Lon, father of John (friend of Ali Greenberg)  
Rosemarie (work colleague of Jocelyn Gabriel)  
Marilyn Lay (friend of Marcia Johnson)

***For our state, nation and world***

For the Virginia elections  
People of Haiti, Afghanistan and Louisiana

***Prayers of Christian Sympathy are shared with***

✠ Cynthia D'Avanzo's Aunt Shirley of Avoca, New York

**Welcome**

*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. (Matthew 10:40)*

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.



***Ministers - The Entire Congregation***

*Lay Leaders* – Jocelyn Gabriel & Ghazel Chilan | *Music Director*: Mary Ann East

*Music Accompanist*: Kelly Nam | *Children's Coordinator* – Kelli Timanus | *Nursery Care* – Miyo Shimoda *Youth*

*Director & Food Ministry Administrator*: Hannah Godfrey | *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty

*District Superintendent* – Sara Calvert



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