

Worship Leader Guide  
DATE: Sunday, November 3, 2024  
SERIES TITLE:

Preacher: Pastor Amy  
Liturgist: Karen M  
Accompanist: Leigh Ann C  
Greeters/Ushers:  
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[9:55 AM]

Prelude "Seek Ye First" arr. By Sharon Wilson - Leigh Ann C, Minister of Music

[10:00 AM]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME & WORDS OF GRACE

Amy: The Lord be with you!

Good morning and welcome to Grace United Methodist Church! I'm Pastor Amy, and I am so glad to be here with you, and more importantly, I am so glad that you are joining us in worship this morning! If you are in the sanctuary or joining us online, welcome! At Grace are all trying to walk by faith, to serve others, and to be love in action. We're glad you are with us this morning! If you are questioning, so are we. If you are searching, so are we. We want you to question and search along with us. So that we can all experience the great grace of Jesus.

Liturgist moves to the pulpit.

Liturgist: Please stand as you are able in body or spirit and join me in the Call to Worship.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us praise God!

**Many: Let us shout our songs of Thanksgiving to the Almighty.**

One: For God has done wonderful things for us.

**Many: Love and blessings have been showered upon us.**

One: Come, let us praise God!

**Many: Let us sing songs of great joy to God.**

Liturgist: Please join me as we lift our voices together in our opening hymn, For All the Saints, found in the red hymnal on page 711.

### \*OPENING HYMN: UMH #711 For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet, all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless hosts,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The liturgist moves to the pulpit.

### SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Liturgist may return to their seat.

CHOIR ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by John Ness Beck; GUMC Choir

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 11:32-44

Amy:

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "For All the Saints" Pastor Amy

Amy move down below to hear the joys and concerns.

JOY & CONCERNS

Amy: As we make our way back to our seats, we will move into a time of prayer. Are there joys and concerns that you would like to lift, so that we can be in prayer and praise with each other today and in this coming week?

Congregational Response: TFWS# 2272 Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now;

We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Amy:

God of all wholeness and peace, our world yearns for your presence. We call out to you day after day, wondering why we do not see you and why we feel so abandoned. And yet, time and time again, you remind us that we only need to look around us to find you. Help us to look with clarity and compassion into the faces of your children, no matter how unimportant they might seem, so that we might find you there.

Help us to see you in the faces of those who suffer. As we hear about inhumane conditions Haiti, Ethiopia, and Venezuela, fill us with a thirst for justice for all people who are abused due to poverty, gender identity, and all other vulnerabilities.

Help us to see you in the faces of those affected by flooding, here in the southwest and all throughout Spain, as well as those who are facing the driest season on record and all that comes with that. Help us to hold sacred all of our lands that we might be good stewards and restore the earth.

Help us to see you in the faces of those we consider our enemies. Guide our governmental leaders to see the humanity of all people, regardless of their skin color, language, gender, and country of origin. Remind us that everyone, from the most powerful leader of a nation to the most vulnerable and impoverished of refugees, is a beloved child of God.

Help us to see you in the faces of all people, for we are all made in the image of God. Remind us of our connection to all your children as members of your universal family. Fill us with your love and compassion, so that we might act as your hands, feet, and voices in the world. Make your presence known and felt in all places, so that your kingdom might grow to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

**Many: Beloved God,  
who was known to our mothers and fathers,  
and even to our spiritual forebears,  
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 the passing of friends and family,**

**and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.  
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,  
constantly forgiving our errors,  
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.  
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

A time of silence

One: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. 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!

Congregational Response: TFWS# 2272 Holy Ground  
We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Doug and Kathy James

Thank you for giving to support the ministries and mission of Grace. We cannot be a beacon of hope to this community and to each other without your faithful giving.

There are many ways that you can give today. There is an offering box at the back of the sanctuary. You can give online at [graceumcbillings.org/give](http://graceumcbillings.org/give) or you can text to give as well. You can text (406) 660-3699 and follow the prompts to give that way as well. Whatever you give, great or small, thank you for giving so we can continue to spread God's love for all people to all the folk we meet.

Let's pray:

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Just as you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Congregational Response: TFWS# 2272 Holy Ground  
We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Miriam and Moses,  
God of Joshua and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and David,  
God of the priests and the prophets,  
God of Mary and Joseph,  
God of the apostles and the martyrs,  
God of our mothers and our fathers,  
God of our children to all generations.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.  
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for  
many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and cup.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
Renew our communion with all your saints,  
especially those whom we name before you:

Joan Shipley  
Dollie Cummings  
Dorothy Young  
Warren Peterson  
Diane Bianchi

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

P: AMEN.

Amy: And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer that Jesus  
taught us saying: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And us our  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Amy:

[lift bread] Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,

for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

[break bread]

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

[lift cup]

Amy: Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect

in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace,

so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living,

That we may come to those unspeakable joys,

Which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you;

Through Jesus Christ our Love. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

Amy will introduce at the end of the sermon.

UMH #733 Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord

And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;

but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King

may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets

Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields

Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;

We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,

To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Amy:

Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever.

Go in strength to be the saints of God,  
Live in the way of God with confidence,  
for God is our strength and guide.  
So, go in peace. Amen.

Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. by Marilyn Arison  
Leigh Ann Corcoran, Minister of Music

## WORSHIP NOTES

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