All Saints' Sunday

A Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, November 1, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church

Gathering

Prelude | *I Sing the Song of the Saints of God* arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements Amanda Onks

† Call to Worship

Come, beloved community, to remember the saints – those who hungered for justice, who wept with the broken who dared to love even their enemies.
We gather in the spirit of Christ, who blessed the poor and the peacemakers, the merciful and the mourners.

Let us stand with the saints – past and present – who walk the hard road of compassion, who risk kindness in a world of cruelty.
We come to worship the God of reversals, who lifts up the lowly and calls us to live with courage and grace.

Let us worship with joy, remembering the saints, and becoming a new blessing for the world.

† Processional Hymn, No. 711 *vv 1-3* | *For All the Saints* Sine Nomine

† Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table *all* who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

† Confession & Words of Assurance

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 have us do. We hold on to ancient angers and hurts and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new. Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life. Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory. Forgive our unbelief, O God. Bring us back and restore our trust in you.

Hear the good news: Jesus knows you by your name and calls you to new life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Let us pray together.
We give thanks, O God our Creator,
for all who have died in the faith of Christ –
for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time,
for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come,
and for our communion with them now;
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

† Passing of the Peace | *In peace and unity, let us offer signs of love to all around us.*

Stewardship Moment | *Hey, Neighbor!*

Children's Moment

Children preschool through fifth grade may go to Spark Kids
on the Children's Wing (2nd Floor) or they may remain in worship with their families.
First time guests, check in your child with the Children's Ministry leader.

Proclamation & Response

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts

To give electronically, scan the QR code or visit **Munsey.org/give**.
You may also mail a check to the church.

Anthem | *All Things New* — Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Light after darkness,
gain after loss,
Strength after weakness,
crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter,
hope after fears,
Home after wandering,
praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega,
beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.

Springs of living water
shall wash away each tear,
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery,
sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow,
peace after pain;
Near after distant,
gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness,
life after tomb.

- Frances Havergal (1836-1879)

† **Doxology** — Lasst uns erfreuen

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 for Illumination — Nancy Bates

Please, be seated as we pray together.
Enlighten us through your Word, O God, and fill us with grace and holiness, that we may one day, like the saints who have gone before us, dine at the banquet of our heavenly homeland, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson | *Revelation 7:9-17* — NRSV

Sermon | *Last things are never the worst things.*

Holy Communion

As part of our Communion Liturgy, the names of our Munsey Memorial members who have died this past year will be read.
When the names are read, their family members & loved ones are invited to come light a candle in their memory.
If the person whose name is read has had an impact on your life, please stand as their name is read.
After all the names are read, a community candle will be lit in memory of all others.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus | *The Ground* from *Sunrise Mass* — Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer & Blessing of the Elements

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.

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 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.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace.

Lord God, renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you and in our hearts.

Necrology

Virginia Brown
Annette Morrison
Morgan McWhirter
Pat Head
Lewis P. Wexler, Sr.
Joyce Boyd
Mary Ruth Jeffers
Paul Stanton
Sally Essin
Jeannie Nicely
Dottie Gibson
Jane Conley
Angie McClellan
Randy Adams
Jerry Yunker
Margie Nathanson
Dr. James Kenneth Wilkerson
Gail Burleson

Meditation | *Adagio*, Op. 11 Samuel Barber (1910-1981); arr. J. Matthew Boazman (b. 1988)

Munsey Memorial Carillon Ringers

Prayer

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 God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray.

Our Father, 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 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

† Sharing the Bread & Cup

The table is not a Munsey Memorial table nor is it a United Methodist table.
It is Christ's open table of grace and welcome; therefore, all are invited.

Anthem of Remembrance | *We Remember Them* — Susan LaBarr (b. 1981)

At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer;
At the opening of the buds
and in rebirth of spring;
At the rising of the sun
and at its going down;
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind
and in the chill of winter;
At the rustling of the leaves
and beauty of autumn time;
At the start of the year
and when it ends;
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live.

When we are weary
and in need of strength;
When we are lost
and sick at heart;
When we have joy
we crave to share;
We remember them.

- adapted from *Gates of Prayer: A New Union Prayerbook* – Central Conference of American Rabbis

Prayer

Sending Forth

† Recessional Hymn, No. 711 *verses 4-6* | *For All the Saints* — Sine Nomine

† Benediction

Postlude | *For All the Saints* — arr. Jacob Weber (b. 1988)

All are invited to stay or depart during the Postlude.
When departing, do so quietly to show respect to the musician(s) and those who wish to remain.

† *Indicates the people standing in body or in spirit.*
While a sign of reverence, standing is optional.
We want to maintain an inclusive worship experience for all.

Participants

Rev. Chris Brown, *Senior Pastor*
Amanda Onks, *Executive Director of Programs & Ministries*
Justin Boazman, *Director of Music & Worship Ministries*
Matthew Brickey, *Organist & Music Associate*
The Chancel Choir
Carol G. Transou Choral Scholars
Munsey Memorial Carillon Ringers
Nancy Bates, *Lay Reader*
Allan J. Cole, *Crucifer*
Ella Brown, *Acolyte*
Audrey Greenway, *Acolyte*

For assistance with listening devices and/or large print hymnals, please see an usher.

To use the ListenEverywhere *app:*
Scan the QR code & follow the instructions:
Connect to the WiFi network: ListenMunsey (*password:* listen01)

All are welcome.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are ***all*** participants in the story of God's work in the world.

Each service is open for ***all*** to fully participate. When Holy Communion is shared, ***all*** are invited to participate regardless of church or denominational affiliation. The table is not ours but God's. It is an open table of welcome and grace where ***all*** are invited – even children.

Children are especially welcome in our worship experiences, either in part or in full. The closer they are to the front, the more they are likely to see and experience. A nursery is available, and, for those who might find it helpful, the worship service can be viewed on the video monitor in the Parlor.

love boldly + **serve joyfully** + **lead courageously**

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