BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now, remembering in love and living in hope.
Tell the stories of God's faithfulness.
Make room for one another's sorrow.
Share the kindness that has been entrusted to you.

And may the God who created you,
the + Christ who holds you in life and in death,
and the Spirit who strengthens you
give you courage and peace, today and always.

Congregation: **From age to age, God is with us. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

SENDING WORDS

Pastor: We go with gratitude for those who came before us, love for those beside us, and hope in the God who holds us all.

All people: ***Amen. And, amen.***

November 1, 2026
All Saint's Sunday

PREWORSHIP MUSIC **Mr. Kevin Crone**
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Laura C. Baker**
PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE **Mr. Kevin Crone & Acolyte**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather with thanksgiving for those who have shared their faith and love with us.

Congregation: **From age to age, God is with us.**

Pastor: We gather with sorrow for those whose presence we miss.

Congregation: **From age to age, God is with us.**

Pastor: We gather in hope, trusting the risen Christ who holds the living and the dead.

Congregation: **From age to age, God is with us.**

Pastor: With all the saints, remembered and unnamed, let us worship God.

Congregation: **We will tell of God's faithfulness and place our hope in God.**

HYMN ***For All the Saints*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #637**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: ***God of every generation, gather us into your presence. We bring the names we cherish, the stories we treasure, and the grief we carry. Meet us in our remembering. Speak hope where our hearts are weary and give us courage to receive this day as your gift. Through your Word and Spirit, renew our faith and teach us to share your love with those who follow us. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Pastor: The saints we remember were people like us: loved by God, shaped by grace, and still learning how to live faithfully. Trusting that same grace, we bring before God the ways we have failed to love, the care we have withheld, and the opportunities for kindness we have allowed to pass. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: ***Faithful God, you have loved us through every season of our lives. Yet we do not always share that love freely. We postpone words of gratitude. We overlook people who need our care. We grow impatient with grief, in others and in ourselves. We forget that the faith***

entrusted to us is a gift to be lived and shared. Forgive us. Open our hearts to your mercy, and help us love one another with greater tenderness, courage, and generosity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news: the risen Christ meets us with mercy. Our failures do not place us beyond God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called into new life. Receive that forgiveness and let it bear fruit in love.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ***Gloria Patri*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #35**

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal #86**

PSALTER READING **Psalm 78:1–7**

EPISTLE READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

SERMON ***Remembering in Love, Living in Hope*** **Rev. Laura C. Baker**

HYMN ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #537**

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: We gather now to remember with thanksgiving those whose earthly lives have ended since our last All Saints' observance. We speak their names before God and before this community. We give thanks for their lives, acknowledge our sorrow, and entrust them to the love of Christ.

Congregation: In life and in death, we belong to God.

Pastor: As each person is named, a family member, friend, or representative will light a candle from the light of the Christ candle. A chime will sound, and together we will offer our thanksgiving. Let us pray.

All people: ***Eternal God, receive our remembering. You know each life more fully than we can know it, and you love each person more deeply than we can imagine. Receive our gratitude, hold our sorrow, and strengthen our hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

REMEMBERING ALLEN DOVE

Pastor: I invite Allen's family or representative to come forward to light a candle in his honor and memory. We remember Allen Dove, born to life November 24, 1946, born to eternal life January 15, 2026, at the age of 79 years, 1 month, and 22 days. *A candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Where memories bring joy, receive our gratitude. Where they bring pain or unfinished questions, grant your tender mercy. We pray for those who are ill, those approaching death, and those caring for them. Give strength to caregivers, wisdom to those who offer treatment, and comfort to all who wait.

We pray for people mourning lives lost to violence, war, disaster, and neglect. Move us to protect life, seek justice, and become neighbors who make peace. Bless your church across generations. Help us tell the story of your faithfulness truthfully and live it with compassion. May children and newcomers find among us a welcome that helps them place their hope in you.

Teach us to encourage one another. Give us courage for the living of these days, until we are gathered with all your people in the fullness of your presence. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

All people: ***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.***

ANTHEM ***This Is the Feast of Victory*** **Chancel Choir**

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: We have received gifts through the faithfulness and generosity of others. Today we offer our own gifts, praying that through them someone may receive care, find welcome, and discover hope. Please stand as you are able to do so comfortably and join in song and prayer.

DOXOLOGY ***Praise God*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #46**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: ***Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives we offer with them. Use them to feed our neighbors, comfort those who mourn, welcome those seeking community, and share the story of your love. Make us faithful in our generation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

HYMN ***We're Marching to Zion*** **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #707**

Pastor: God of peace, we thank you for Allen's life and for all that he meant to those who knew and loved him. We entrust him to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING JOHN HECK

Pastor: I invite John's family or representative to come forward to light a candle in his honor and memory. We remember John Heck, born to life August 11, 1935, born to eternal life January 19, 2026, at the age of 90 years, 5 months, and 8 days. *A candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Pastor: Gracious God, we thank you for John's life and for all that he meant to those who knew and loved him. We entrust him to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING MARLIN AUGHENBAUGH

Pastor: I invite Marlin's family to come forward to light a candle in his honor and memory. We remember Marlin Aughenbaugh, born to life December 9, 1943, born to eternal life April 5, 2026, at the age of 82 years, 3 months, and 27 days. *A candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Pastor: Faithful God, we thank you for Marlin's life and for all that he meant to those who knew and loved him. We entrust him to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING DONALD (Yogi) PAULES

Pastor: I invite Donald's family or representative to come forward to light a candle in his honor and memory. We remember Donald Paules, born to life January 21, 1943, born to eternal life April 10, 2026, at the age of 83 years, 2 months, and 20 days. *A candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank you for Donald's life and for all that he meant to those who knew and loved him. We entrust him to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING DEBORAH BERGER

Pastor: I invite Deb's family or representative to come forward to light a candle in her honor and memory. We remember Deborah Berger born to life December 1, 1953, born to eternal life August 9,2026, at the age of 72 years, 8 months, and 8 days. *A candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank you for Deb's life and for all that she meant to those who knew and loved her. We entrust her to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING ANN DUERR

Pastor: I invite Ann's family to come forward to light a candle in her honor and memory. We remember Ann Duerr, born to life March 14, 1926, born to eternal life September 12, 2026, at the age of 100 years, 5 months, and 29 days. *The candle is lit. The chime tolls.*

Pastor: Loving God, we thank you for Ann's life and for all that she meant to those who knew and loved her. We entrust her to your eternal care. For the life of your beloved child:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold us together in your love.

REMEMBERING THE LOVED ONES WE CARRY IN OUR HEARTS

Pastor: Some of the names we carry have been spoken today. Others are known within our families, our friendships, and the quiet places of our hearts. We remember loved ones who belonged to other congregations or to no congregation. We remember those who died recently and those we have missed for many years. We also make room for relationships that were complicated, for words left unsaid, and for grief that is difficult to explain. God receives all that we bring. You are invited now to speak a loved one's name aloud, or to hold that name silently before God. There is no need to stand or explain. Simply offer the name, as you are comfortable. *An additional candle is lit. The chime tolls.)*

Pastor: For all those we love and remember:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God. Hold them in your eternal care and hold us in your love.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of all the saints, we thank you for Ann, Marlin, Donald, John, and Allen, and for every person remembered aloud or in silence. Thank you for the love we received through them, for the moments we shared, and for the ways their lives became part of our own. Be close to those facing a first holiday, birthday, or anniversary without someone they love. Be close to those whose grief has become a quiet companion over many years. Surround those who feel alone with people who will listen and care.