

Order for the Worship of God
November 1, 2020
All Saints' Day
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: As partners in Christ, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest" Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

(*stanzas 1,2*)

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
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!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Merciful God, forgive us when we invest all our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news even if this means taking risks. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES' CREED (*Together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot *and* When the Saints Go Marching In" arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Stephanie Carson

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see comin' for to carry me home?

A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home.

*If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I'm comin', too, comin' for to carry me home.
O when the saints go marchin' in, O when the saints go marchin' in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marchin' in.*

Swing low, sweet chariot, swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

*The following names are from the membership roll of Northwood.
November 1, 2019—October 31, 2020*

Everlasting God and Lord of life: You have created this wonderful world with beauty and with an abundance of life. For this universe with its heavens and the earth;

We praise you, God Our Creator.

For the gifts of Christ our Lord, whose death and resurrection give promise of life abundantly and eternally;

We praise you, God Our Savior.

For the Spirit, whose presence gives us hope and the strength to endure the hardships of life;

We praise you, God Our Sustainer.

For all the saints, whose lives provide continuous examples of faith and whose efforts sustained the Church;

We praise you, God Our Resurrection Hope.

For those in our fellowship who having lived this life in faith now live eternally with you.

Bill Marshall—11/11/19	Nancy Ericson—6/21/20
Fred Drew—12/06/19	Pat Jackson—7/10/20
Sharon Helms—12/14/19	James McGordy—8/18/20
Juanita Hickey—2/23/20	Nancy Johnson—9/08/20
Jane Urban—3/04/20	Don Morrison—9/15/20
Mimi Judd—4/30/20	Phyllis Donnelly—9/20/20
Jane Kaempfer—5/10/20	Don Gutermann—10/20/20

(Together) **We praise you God of our mothers and fathers, of our sisters and brothers in faith.
Give us faith and true hope that we may, without fear, trust those who are dear to us
to your never failing love. For the glory of Christ and Your name we pray, Amen.**

HYMN #326 (*stanza 3*)

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

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

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 1:3-6; 4:1-3 (NIV)
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NRSV)

SERMON

2021 Stewardship Series: Partners in Spreading Good News
Sermon #2 “Remembering Known and Unknown Partners”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #500

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

ST. FLAVIAN

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.**

**Here, share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Together*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF
THE CUP

(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and
worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each others burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and
fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fanfare on ‘For All the Saints’”

Michael Helman

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 500

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,

Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heaven-ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

Not all communion texts refer to the Last Supper: this brief hymn is based on the meal at Emmaus shared by the Risen Christ and his two companions on the road (Luke 24:13–35). It is set to a 16th-century psalm tune that carries the text with appropriate simplicity.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1825
MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

ST. FLAVIAN
CM

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.