

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **All Saints Day and Reformation Sunday**

### ***Thankful for Our Past***

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.*

*For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

*During this time of remembrance, there will be a time to offer aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We will ring a bell in remembrance of each person. During the prelude, we invite you to light a candle at the altar for any person(s) that you wish to remember who has died.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Abide with Me*

by Monk

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

**L:** Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we remember the sacrifices made and the risks taken by Martin Luther and other reformers in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**P:** We celebrate the Church that was, the Church that is, and the Church that will be.

**L:** With thanksgiving on our tongues, we sing praise for the feet of the saints...

**P:** who walked this path long before us, who pointed out this path to us, who cleared the path with us.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: With thanksgiving on our tongues, we sing praise for the wisdom of the saints...

**P: who shared their vision of God's ways, who lived faithfully by God's ways, who loved God all the way.**

L: With thanksgiving on our tongues, we sing praise for the cloaks of the saints...

**P: that sheltered our weary souls from the dust, that marked our lives for a new adventure, that gave us some flair for the dance.**

L: With thanksgiving on our tongues, we now sing praise for the voices of the saints...

**P: who named God within us, who evoked God from us, who gave God to us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 299** (black hymnal)

*For All The Saints*

### **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL: Reforming God, we give you thanks for your forgiveness and your blessing. We pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and to keep our covenant with you. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (FWS, v. 2 & refrain)

*Grace Alone*

**ALL SING: Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

**HYMN NO. 295** (black hymnal)

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

*During the Joys and Concerns and Time of Prayer, we invite you to reflect on someone who has helped you grow in the faith- someone who has been a Christian saint to you. Write their name on a strip of paper provided. During the offertory, we invite you to join the strips of paper together with others in your row, using the stickers provided.*

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**      *Shall We Gather at the River* by Carter

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Like a River Glorious*

by Mountain

*During the time of offering, you are welcome to bring forward the chain of names done during the prayer so that we remember with thanksgiving the people who have helped us to know God more intimately.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 376 (black hymnal, v. 1)

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

**ALL SING:** God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil, hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil. Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised: Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 439** (black hymnal)

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*For All the Saints*

by Williams

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in loving memory of my brother, Jackson E. Bridgette by Suzanne Skennonto.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Scott Butcher's and Tom Green's birthdays by Debbie and Jonathan Butcher.

The bulletins are presented in loving memory of my brother, Jackson E. Bridgette, by Suzanne Skennonto.

Thank you to the November Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Lana Fritz, Dani Kardisco, Diane Strine, Elaine Bevivino, and Pastor Dani.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Norman Leach, Joan Masimore; Barry & Nancy Schwartz

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jim & Sue Shiffer; Barb Stebbins, Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was adapted from Call to Worships by Rachel Hackenburg at

<http://revgalblogpals.org/author/rachelhackenburg> and Sarah E. Weaver at [www.preachinginpumps.com](http://www.preachinginpumps.com)

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was taken from "Seasons of the Spirit- Reformation Day (Years A, B, C). Posted on [www.seasonsonline.ca/files/reformation-day\\_cong-life](http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/reformation-day_cong-life)

<sup>3</sup>*Grace Alone*. Jeff Nelson & Scott Wesley Brown. © 1998 Universal Music. CCLI License #3220582.

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Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the  
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the  
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

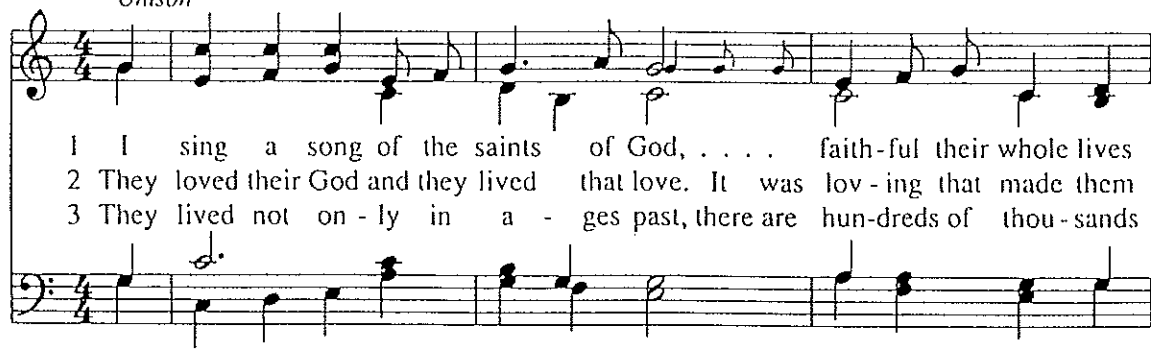
world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,  
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a  
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our  
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a-

be forever blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 faithful lives entwined.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

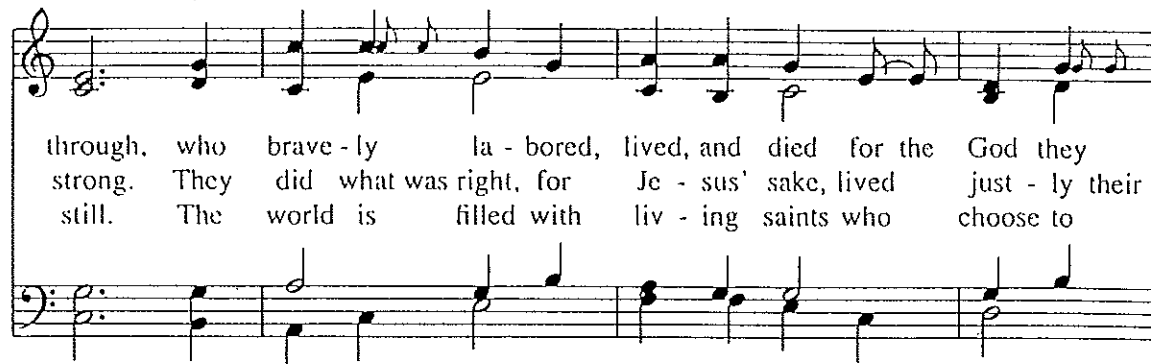
*This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).*

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

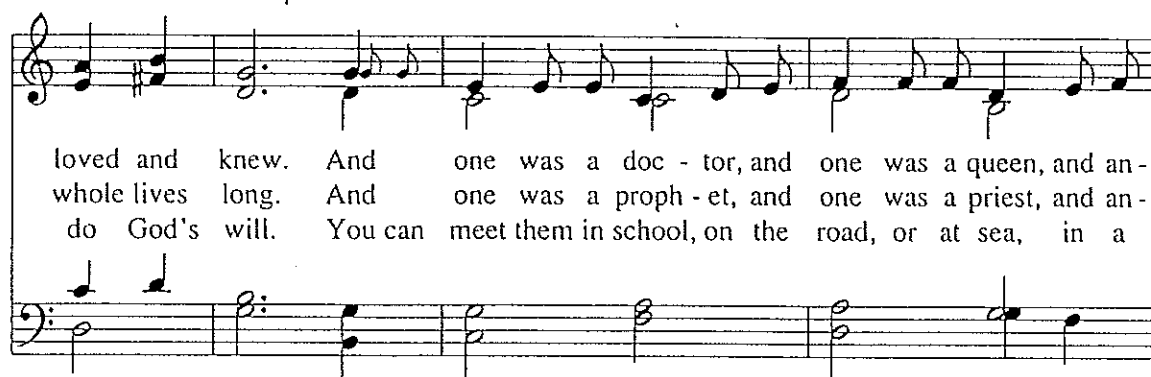
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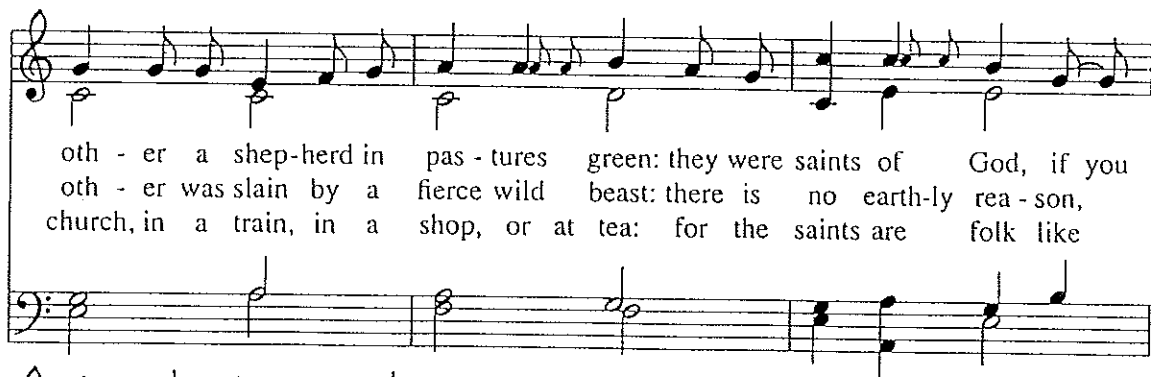
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . faith-ful their whole lives  
2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov-ing that made them  
3 They lived not on-ly in a-ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands



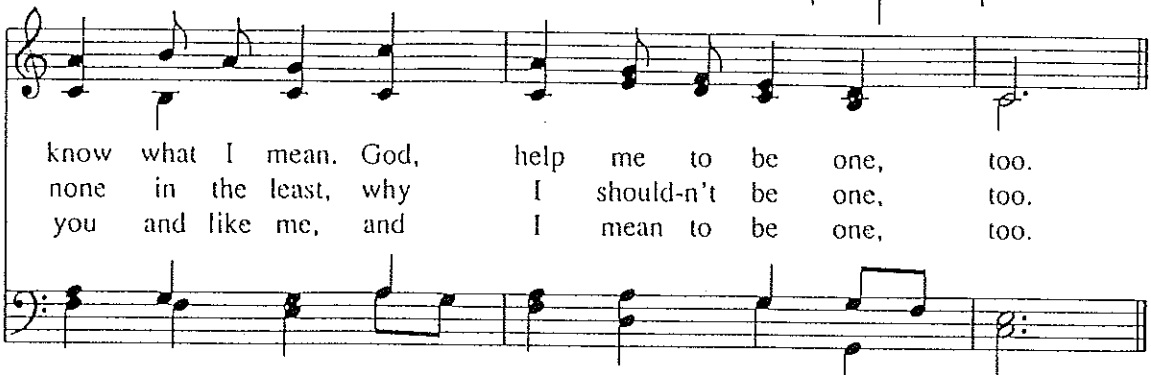
through, who brave-ly la-bored, lived, and died for the God they  
strong. They did what was right, for Je-sus' sake, lived just-ly their  
still. The world is filled with liv-ing saints who choose to



loved and knew. And one was a doc-tor, and one was a queen, and an-  
whole lives long. And one was a proph-et, and one was a priest, and an-  
do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a



oth-er a shep-herd in pas-tures green: they were saints of God, if you  
oth-er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea-son,  
church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like



know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.  
none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too.  
you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

This text was included in Lesbia Scott's *Everyday Hymns for Little Children* with her original words, music, and illustrations. A native of Britain, Scott was also the author of six published plays and enjoyed painting until her death in 1986.

Tune: GRAND ISLE 1rr.  
John H. Hopkins, 1940

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing,  
2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,  
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat-en to un - do us,  
4 That word be-yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

Our pres-ent help a - mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an-cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might-y power to  
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with-out an e - qual.  
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre-vail tri - um - phant.  
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
kill; God's truth shall tri-umph still; God's reign en-dures for - ev - er.

*There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.*

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.  
Martin Luther, c. 1529  
Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.  
For another version, see 440