

November 1, 2009, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - All Saints Sunday

As we gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Salt and Light* Jami Smith

We all need a little salt, need a little light,
Need a hopeful word, shining bright ~
We can be a little salt, be a little light,
In this darkened world,
We can shine, oh, oh, shine so bright,
Shine, oh, oh, just like the starlight,
Shine, oh, oh, shine ~
Shine, oh, oh, shine ~ the light. *(Repeat)*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We all need a little salt, need a little light, ...

WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: We are not alone:

All: *We live in God's world.*

One: We believe in God:

All: *who has created and is creating still,
who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new.*

One: We are not alone:

All: *God's creation surrounds us,
God's creation cradles us,
we live in God's world.*

One: We believe in God:

All: *who loves us and forgives us,
who calls us to love and serve all people.*

One: We are not alone:

All: *in joy and despair,
In well-being and adversity—
God is with us.*

One: We are not alone.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

OPENING SONG (see insert) *Fresh As the Morning* S. Murray/T. Alonso

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: We notice the saints around us, O God; they have time for their friends
and their family members.

All: *We want to be like them.*

One: We notice the saints around us, O God; they see a neighbor in need,
and they are ready to meet that need.

All: *We want to be like them.*

One: We notice the saints around us, O God; they are aware of an injustice in
the local community, or beyond this nation, and they find a way to bring
change.

All: *We want to be like them.*

One: We notice the saints around us, O God; they have a strong faith, and are
ready to nourish their faith in Christian community.

All: *We want to be like them.*

-----Time for Silent Reflection-----

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The qualities of sainthood are within your grasp: you have the ability,
you have the opportunity.

All: *We will strive to develop and to use those qualities of the saints
that we dimly recognize.*

One: When you are discouraged, remember that the saints of the ages
struggled and suffered, but they won through gloriously.

All: *We will keep the faith; we will stay the distance!*

One: Peace, and a whole new attitude to life, will be yours!

All: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Philippians 2:1-11 NRSV

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any
sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be
of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as
better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to
the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as
something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled
himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above
every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERING SONG *Circle of Friends* McKelvey & Siler

(One) We were made to love and be loved,
But the price this world demands will cost you far too much.
I've spent so many lonely years just trying to fit in.
Now I've found a place in this circle of friends.

(All) *In a circle of friends, we have one Father,
In a circle of friends, we share this prayer:
That ev'ry orphaned soul will know, and all will enter in
To the shelter of this circle of friends.*

(One) If you weep, I will weep with you.
If you sing for joy, the rest of us will lift our voices, too.
But no matter what you feel inside,
There's no need to pretend.
That's the way it is in this circle of friends.

(All) *In a circle of friends, we have one Father,
In a circle of friends, we share this prayer:
That we'll gather together,
no matter how the highway bends,
I will not lose this circle of friends.*

(One) Among the nations, tribes and tongues,
We have sisters and brothers.
And when we meet in heaven, we will recognize each other
With joy so deep, and love so sweet.
Oh, we'll celebrate these friends and a life that never ends.

(All) *In a circle of friends, we have one Father.
In a circle of friends, we share this prayer:
That it will not be long before all will enter in
To the shelter of this circle of friends.
That is will not be long before all will enter in
To the shelter of this circle of friends.*

DOXOLOGY

We thank you God for all you have given.

Now we return a portion to you -

For all that we have, and all that we are,

We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SERMON *Blest Be The Tie* Rev. Thomas D. York

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (in unison)

*As bread that was scattered on the hillside, was gathered
together and made one, so too, we, your people, scattered
throughout the world, are gathered together around your table
and become one.*

*As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed
into wine, so too are we drawn together and pressed by our times
to share a common lot and are transformed into your life-blood
for all.*

*So let us prepare to eat and drink as Jesus taught us: Inviting the
stranger to our table and welcoming the poor. May their absence
serve to remind us of the divisions this Eucharist seeks to heal.
And may their presence help transform us into the Body of Christ
we share.*

INVITATION SONG (see insert) *In This Place* Trevor Thomson

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING and PRAYER OF OUR LORD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION SONG (see insert) *Song of the Body of Christ* David Haas

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

*We thank you God for this time of communion with you. We give you
praise that we are no longer hungry because we have been filled by your
holiness. We give you thanks that we are no longer thirsty because we
have been filled with your great love. Help us to go out into your world
with courage, taking our gifts and sharing them with others. Amen.*

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *Grateful* Tom Tomaszek

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - *Chautauqua Daily Worship, Morning
Services*; Renewing the Covenant - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year A.*

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in
future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or drop
a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in the
black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or joy you
wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering bags. All
concerns and joys are welcome!

To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join us whenever we are gathered for worship: 9:15 am (Knox Commons); 11:00 am (Sanctuary), education, fellowship or service. Join us also for coffee hour between the 9:15 and 11:00 am services in the Knox Commons. Visitor information is available at the rear of Knox Commons, in the narthex and in the Michigan Avenue lobby. If you have questions, look for members wearing badges, or call Tom York in the church office, 321-2573x104.

Parking for Sunday Services

Parking can sometimes present challenges for those attending worship services or participating in other Knox events. In addition to the parking area off Michigan Avenue, we now have 13 additional parking spaces off Observatory Ave. On Sundays we are asking that the Observatory spaces be saved for use by individuals who are physically challenged. A map of available parking may be found on our website: www.knox.org

Restrooms

Men's and women's restrooms are available on the sanctuary level and on the basement level at the far north end of the building. Please follow the posted signs to their location.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:15 and 11:00 am during worship services. Please ask an usher or the Deacon on-duty in the Michigan Avenue lobby for directions to the nursery and childcare rooms.

Sunday School

At 9:15 am, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 years through grade 6. At 11:00 am, classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years old through 12th grade. Please check the bulletin insert for information about weekly Adult Education classes.

Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service at 9:15 and 11:00 am. An usher would be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to an usher. Thank you!

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices before the service begins. Thank you!

Printed Copies of Sermons

Printed copies of Sunday sermons are available at no cost. You will find them in the narthex (at the rear of the sanctuary) and in the Michigan Avenue lobby on Monday mornings.

Recycling

Please support the Knox Youth and our environment by dropping your Sunday bulletins and announcements in our Abitibi paper recycling boxes as you leave. Everyone is welcome to bring your home or office paper waste to place in the Abitibi bin located in the old parking lot.



This Sunday, the Sunday closest to All Saints' Day, we remember the loved ones, members of this congregation, who have died in the past year. Their names are listed below. Not listed, but no less dear, are family members and friends who have died this past year but were not members of Knox. We remember them all in our prayers this day.

Elizabeth P. Parker, October 8 th	Deacon Lois E. Volkman, June 6 th
Laurence Fisher Gard, November 21 st	Mary June Pack, June 27 th
Elder Richard A. High, January 3 rd	Genevieve Allman, August 11 th
Elder Jean Franke Mulford, March 15 th	Elder Rose Ellen Carpenter, August 16 th
Elder William Wendell Beltz, April 10 th	Barbara Ann Vorjohan, September 13 th
Ruth Wigor, April 21 st	Deacon Hilda Villasuso, October 4 th
Deacon Mary Louise [Pat] Rupp, May 11 th	

Notes from Worship Today

Notes from Sermon Today

Paul begins to isolate the essence of Christianity. Some would (and do) define it as right belief. Others regard it as a matter of moral behavior, duty. But emerging is the acid test—the unity and love evident in the church itself.

Self-assertion is fashionable, not self-abnegation.

The centrifugal forces are strong. And perhaps the best way to observe All Saints Day is to acknowledge and celebrate the marvelous gift of friendship where you experience it, or to take initiatives which will create it.

We are inclined to forget that we are, essentially, fundamentally, a group of individuals who are related to one another in a new way because of Jesus Christ. We forget the horizontal dimension of faith.

"We belong to Christ by belonging to each other...We have no choice in the matter. Some of our brothers and sisters we may like; others we may dislike. But they belong to us and we to them." ~ Robert Raines

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All Are Welcome

We are a joyful community



of Christian faith...

A growing reflection of God's love.

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