

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

November 6, 2022 – Celebrating All Saints Sunday

Prelude Barbara Merryman

Gathering Music *As We Gather, Draw Us Nearer*¹

Words of Welcome Jennifer Gillis-White

Introit *Come and Fill Our Hearts*²

Call to Worship

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today. Amen

Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*³

Prayer of Transformation (in unison)

Loving God, Grant me grace to release everything too much or too little into your transforming fire of refinement. Sear in me the strength of your saints – generous and gentle, focused and fierce – just enough to answer every devilish temptation distracting or denying Your Holy hope for my re-formation. Yes, Love, form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness that dares me to choose anything less than You. Release me from the burdens and brokenness of my own making, that I may be readied to meet You in every ordinary saint whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen.

Words of Grace

Two-Minute Message

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

Message

Meg Hegemann

Choral Anthem

*Come to the Table of the Lord*⁴

PIUCC Choir

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

*Bread of Life, Feed My Soul*⁵

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our **Creator***, 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. Amen

***Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.**

Closing Hymn

*For All the Saints*⁶

Benediction

Postlude

Please remain seated.

Introduction to the Stewardship Campaign

Calvin Hall

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