



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,756 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a week, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 3,785.99 given to date.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Remember today all those who have lost ones dear to them. Though the promise of heaven is wonderful and true, it is human nature to miss those we love until the day we see them again. Some days an extra measure of strength and courage is needed. Pray that an extra measure of strength and courage into the lives of those who are missing a family member, a friend or a companion this day.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this All Saints' Day! Please greet the people around you and introduce yourself to visitors. After the Service, take time to engage in fellowship with others.

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All Saints Sunday

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship.

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PRELUDE: *Come Unto Me (Take 6)*

Vocal Jazz

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners and wanderers.

Our God upholds the widow and the orphan.

In the end, the Lord's ways shall have the last word.

God will reign forever and ever—with loving care.

Praise and worship the Lord.

Amen.

***HYMN: #712**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS:

LORD'S PRAYER: #895

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Ephesians 1:15-23 (CEB)

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Children of the Heavenly Father

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 6:27-31 (CEB)

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Come unto Me All that Labor

MESSAGE:

"May the Eyes of Your Heart Have Light"

TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE AND BE SENT FORTH

Those Who Reached Heaven Since All Saints' Sunday 2018:

Jeanne Schwager, Eleanor Payton, Darlene Robertson, John Ostelie, Ruth Opp,
Elouise Brendemuhl, Leonard Wollitz, Cleo Williams, Al Maksymchuk

PRAYER:

Gracious Lord, we gather with "the Communion of the Saints." Give us eyes of faith that allow us to see your love is the life that binds us together in heaven and on earth. Allow us to experience the risen Christ. Keep the hope of Easter strong within us, may we feel the assurance that Christ has raised up those we love and miss. Grant us faith to know one day we will see them again in heaven. Amen.

THE INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who seek to love him wholeheartedly. The table is not United Methodist or a members-only table. The table, the cup and the fruit of the vine, they are like a hand-written invitation to come and find what our souls need most. If you are willing to have Jesus shape your everyday life, if you seek to love God and neighbor, you are welcome at Christ's table.

THE REMEMBRANCE:

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP:

There is one loaf broken for all of us, as Christ's body was broken for us. There is one cup poured out for us, as Jesus poured out his life for us. Come forward as the Spirit moves.

If you need gluten-free, please come to the rail. Otherwise, you may receive at the rail or from the servers to the right and left of the stage/chancel area.

OFFERINGS may be left in plates in the front pews.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

In Remembrance

Was I Faithful?

arr: Beryl Red & Ragan Courtney

arr: Carolyn Hamlin

Vocal Jazz

***HYMN: #711** (vv. 1-2, & 4)

For All the Saints

***BLESSING:** (based on *All Saints* prayer from UM Hymnal)

Almighty God, you have knit us together in one community—bound together by your love that spans all earth and heaven.

Grant us grace to follow the best in the those who have gone before us into your eternal care. Empower us to live faithfully as those who know your care—and look forward to your ultimate healing and joy in the next life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Amazing Grace*

arr: Trisha McElroy