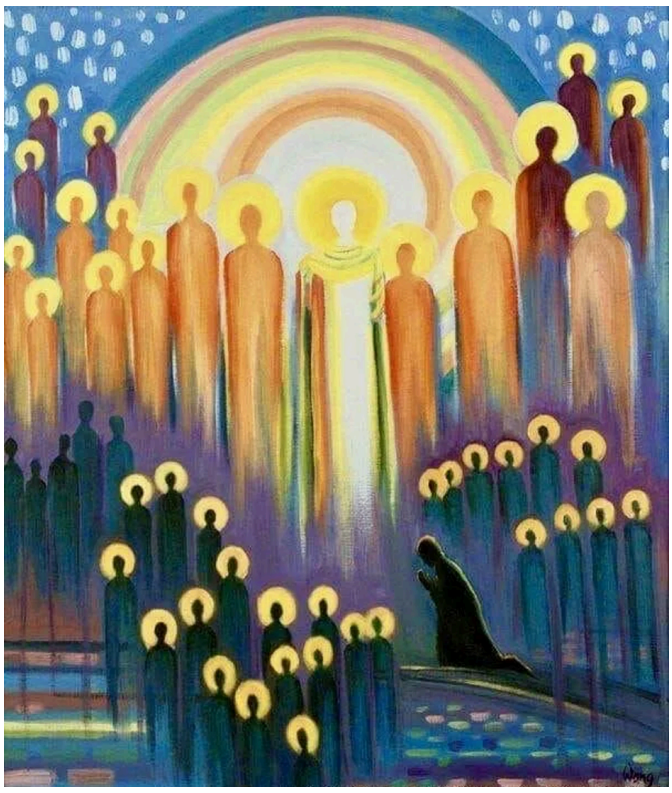
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November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Lord, I want to be a Christian* Traditional Spiritual
arr. Calvin Taylor

Welcome Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

Opening Prayer (responsive) Naomi Martin

Leader: For all the saints who poured love and wisdom and hot chocolate into our lives.
People: For all the saints whose smiles and touch we miss the most.
Leader: For all the saints who helped us find our voice.
People: For all the saints whom we cannot bear to live without.
Leader: For all the saints whom we have begun to forgive.
People: For all the saints who forgave us more often than we deserved.
Leader: For all the saints whose lives continue in ours.
All: We honor you this day.
We hold your sacred lives up to God.
We bear witness to the future we have shaped out of your existence. Amen

Rev. Vicki Flippin

Opening Song (organ) (Please stand if able)

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
UMH 709 vs 1 and 4

1. Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

4 Our spirits too shall quickly join,
like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign,
to hear his trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide!
O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide,
and land us all in heav'n.

Children's Moment

LMUMC Children's Choir
Dr. Ananse Taharka, trumpet

Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, When the saints go marching in
Oh, When the saints go marching in
Dear Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the sun refuse to shine
Oh, when the sun refuse to shine
Dear Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when they crown him Lord of all
Oh, when they crown him Lord of all
Dear Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne
Oh, when they gather 'round the throne
Dear Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Scripture

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

Naomi Martin

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Revelation 14:13 (NIV)

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Leader: May God bless the reading of this Holy Word.
All: Amen.

Sermon

The Living and the Dead are Living Members of the Body of Christ

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

Holy Communion

Carol Holbrook Prickett, Fourth Presbyterian Church (adapt)

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor
Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

Invitation

Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

This is the table of Jesus Christ, set not only for us who gather here today, but spread across time and space. On this All-Saints Sunday, we come to remember. We remember the pillars of faith from ages past, the quiet heroes of our communities, and the deeply personal saints in our own lives—the ones who taught us how to love, who held our hands, and who showed us glimpses of the divine.

Whether you come with a heart full of grief, a spirit filled with gratitude, or a longing for peace, you belong at this feast. The bread we break and the cup we share connect us to the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

So come—bring your stories, bring your tears, and bring your joy. Come and taste the goodness of God, surrounded by the love of all the saints.

Confession & Pardon (unison)

All: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God.
We confess that at times we forget that we, too,
will be the ancestors of those to come.
We sometimes think only of ourselves, whether our own plates will be full, whether our own needs are met.
Hear the regrets of our hearts as we open ourselves to the promise of your grace and forgiveness.
Call us again to be your saints today.

Silence Is Kept For Prayers Of Confession & Hope

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, O God.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

Keep us breaking bread together in joy and faith, until we feast with all your saints at your table, where every tear is wiped away and all are welcomed home.
With the communion of saints across generations, we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer **Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)**

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sharing In The Bread And Cup/Invitation To Prayer Stations

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

Remembering the Saints

Unison Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

**All: We thank you, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who served you with courage and with joy.
Renewed for our daily living in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Living as the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
TFWS 2195 (2x)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Closing Song (organ) (Please stand if able)

For All The Saints
UMH 711 vs 1,4,6

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Prayer (responsive) Naomi Martin

Leader: For those
who walked with us,
All: this is a prayer.
Leader: For those
who have gone ahead,
All: this is a blessing.
Leader: For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
All: this is a thanksgiving.

Leader: For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
All: this is a gratitude. Amen

Jan Richardson (adapt)

Postlude They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Sholtes
arr. Mark Hayes