**Invitation to the Offering**

As God has promised good to us, so God invites us to offer promises of goodness to others in need. May our offerings be blessings of healing and hope to a weary world.

**Offering**

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| ***Doxology** | Come, Rejoice in God | TFWS # 2017 |
| ***Offertory Prayer** | | Rev. Inwha Shon |
| **Holy Communion** | | |
| ***Closing Hymn** | Lord of All Hopefulness | TFWS #2197 vs 1 |
| ***Benediction** | | Rev. Inwha Shon |
| **Postlude** | Clementi Sonatina | Pianist Anita Wiese |

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 1 Sunday...Sunday Study 10:30am Fireside room
- Nov. 2 Monday... Monday Meal 5-6pm (sign up in narthex to help)
  Tator Tot Hotdish, French Bread, fruit & sweet treat
  (Menu subject to change)
- Nov. 2 Monday...Dartball League 8pm
  (contact Kevin Klatt for location, to cheer on our team)
- Nov. 4 Wednesday...Pause for Prayer 5:30pm
- Nov. 4 Wednesday... Youth Group (contact Alanis Viana)
- Nov. 8 Sunday...Messy Church theme is Friendsgiving 10:30-12:00pm
  (contact Amanda Viana at family_outreach@menomonieumc.org)
- Nov. 10 Tuesday...Joyful Noise practice 6:00-7:00pm
- Nov. 16 Monday...It Takes a Village Friendsgiving 6:30-8:00pm
  (contact Amanda Viana at family_outreach@menomonieumc.org)
- Nov. 29 Sunday... Annual Charge/Church Conference 10:30am

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November 1, 2026

23rd Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

Liturgist: Howard Hintzman

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**Praise**

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| When the Saints Go Marching In | words on screen |
| Faith of Our Fathers | words on screen UMH # 710 |
| I Sing a Song of the Saints of God | words on screen UMH # 712 |

**Announcements**

***Call to Worship**

L: We have come to affirm our historic faith.
**P: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

L: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.
**P: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

L: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,
**P: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

***Opening Prayer**

**We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.**
**Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.**

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| ***Opening Hymn** | For All the Saints | UMH # 711 vs. 1,2,4 |
| **Children's Message** | | Amy Webb |

**Prayer of Confession**

L: God, you send us saints …
**P: And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.**
L: God, you send us saints …
**P: And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.**

L: God, you send us saints …

**P: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.**

L: God, you send us saints …

**P: And we ignore them. Have mercy.**

*(Some moments of reflective silence)*

**Words of Assurance**

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we, and God is God, and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Having received mercy and love from God, let's share mercy and love with one another—both now, as we share Christ's peace, and throughout the week ahead.

**Joys and Concerns**

**A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day**

**We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you, whether in arbors or cathedrals, wooden churches or cement meeting houses.**

**We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and hands gnarled with age, holy hands.**

**We thank you, God, for hardworking saints, whether hard-hatted or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark for you, for us, for our children to come.**

**Thank you for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.**

Lighting of Candles in Rememberance

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| Jean Biggs | George Brock | (Please feel free to add |
| Matthew Ellis | Daniel Govin | any person not listed) |
| Loren Heffern | Irene Hurst | |
| Tim Lutz | Mary Mondlock | |
| Bill Paxton | Paul Schaafsma | |
| Igor Washetko | Dorothy Wreford | |

**Corporate Prayer**

Let us pray (in silence) [as we rejoice and keep festival in honor of all the saints]

*Pause*

**Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Inwha Shon

**The Lord's Prayer** *(sing)* UMH # 271

**Scripture** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)**

**13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.**

**15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.**

**16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.**

**17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.**

***Hymn of Praise** Hymn of Promise UMH # 707 vs 1,2

**Message** Remember and Honor All Saints Rev. Inwha Shon