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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

November 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

“The Lost”

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Gay Jacobson

Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson Webb

Greeter: Steve Bilben

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

Tech: Ace Diehl (Video), Samuel Batson (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

† HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#522

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 32)

One: I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

All: And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.

One: I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

All: And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.

One: I refused to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine Presence.

All: And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† For those who are able, please stand.

One: Holy God, Divine Seeker of Our Hearts,
We saunter about in our lives, seeking what's shiny instead of pursuing you.
Even so, you still search for us. You'll climb trees with us, sit in the dust with us,
and journey on long roads alongside us. You abide in our dwelling places- no
matter their size or state of order. Today, we welcome you in our spaces: from
the churches where we sing your praise to our homes where we rest for the
upcoming week. May we recognize your presence and calling in our lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Christ who abides as our Holy Guest,
We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. We look for you in
the pretty people with seemingly uncomplicated lives. And yet, you are
hanging with folks who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes.
You seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered and whose
lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect noticing you as you like to
dwell with the ones who abide in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees.
May we seek you in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted
by shallow charmers and earthly glamour. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing
heavy on their heart.)*

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Even when we are drawn into spaces of glitz and glamour, God shares grace.
May we each continue to be transformed by Divine Radical Love. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sabbastian Wilson Webb

Focus Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First
Egalitarian Translation* (p. 688). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

¹ Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. ² There was a wealthy person
there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. ³ Zacchaeus was trying to see who
Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short.

⁴ In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree
that was along the route. ⁵ When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said,

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“Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I’m going to stay at your house today.”⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight.

⁷ When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, “Jesus has gone to a sinner’s house as a guest.”

⁸ Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, “Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I’ve defrauded anyone in the least, I’ll pay them back fourfold.”

⁹ Jesus said to the tax collector, “Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham.”¹⁰ The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost.”

Luke 19:1-10 *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament* (p. 147). Wildman, Terry M. InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

Restoring Pure of Heart

¹ Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was walking through Moon Village (Jericho).² There, a man named Pure of Heart (Zacchaeus), who was a head tribal tax collector with many possessions,³ was trying to see who was coming but was too short to see over the crowd.⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up a tall tree to get a better view.

⁵ When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) came to the tree, he looked up and said, “Pure of Heart (Zacchaeus), come down from there and take me to your house, for I need a place to rest.”

⁶ He quickly climbed down the tree and with a glad heart welcomed him into his house.⁷ But when the people saw this, they shook their heads. “What is he doing?” they grumbled out loud. “Why would he go into the house of an outcast?”

⁸ Pure of Heart (Zacchaeus) stood up to the crowd and said to Creator Sets Free (Jesus), “Hear me, Wisdomkeeper. I will give half my possessions to the ones who have none. If I have cheated anyone, I will give them back four times as much.”

⁹ Creator Sets Free (Jesus) smiled and said, “This is a good day, because this man and his family have finally been set free. For he also is a descendant of Father of Many Nations (Abraham) who had lost his way.”¹⁰ The True Human Being has come to find the ones who have lost their way and guide them back again to the good road.”

REFLECTION

“What Appears Lost is Found”

Rev. Dan Batson

HYMN

“For All the Saints” (vss. 1, 4)

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WE NAME AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

❖ **Don Splichal – September 19, 1933 – October 4, 2025**

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❖ Jerry Bixby - March 16, 1933 - January 21, 2025
❖ Meryle O'Connor - July 29, 1929 - March 27, 2025



PRAYER (from <https://liturgy.co.nz/reflections/all-saints>)

One: Let us pray (in silence) as we rejoice and honor all the saints who have gone before us. . .

pause

One: 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.

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

One: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

All: God scatters life across the earth.

One: God scatters people in every land and nation.

All: God scatters disciples far and wide.

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

All: God gathers people into families of faith.

One: God gathers people into communities of love.

All: God gathers people into the body of Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: Creator of the Universe, Maker of mountains and rivers, deserts and seas, vineyards and wheat fields, we praise you for the life you have given us and for all living things around us! From the seeds you scattered, you gathered the people of Israel, giving them your covenant and your promise. In the fullness of time, you came to us in Jesus of Nazareth, child of Mary and the Promised One of Israel. We honor his teachings, we weep at his suffering, and we rejoice in his risen life. With angels and archangels, with our ancestors in faith, and with our brothers and sisters who gather at your table across every continent and island, we ask your blessing on this bread and this cup. May these gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen us to be the gathered and scattered Church in the world—

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many in culture and expression, yet one in Spirit, one in truth, one in faith, one in love. Gather your scattered seeds into your home of grace and peace, where all creation is renewed in you.

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#330

COMMUNION SERVED

(As the bread is served, hold on to the bread until all have been served – we eat together affirming that we are a part of the beloved community, the Body of Christ)

One: On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread and asked the disciples to imagine it as both whole and broken, for in both states, it is a symbol of what was and yet still to come. Take, eat, and remember.

[Bread Served]

One: Jesus then took the cup asking the disciples to imagine what it feels like to be both empty and then full, for in both states, he shared that God is indeed with us. Take, drink, and remember.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothed, and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen

SENDING

One: Through this ritual, we are shown what it is to be both whole and broken, and empty and full in order for us to embody the hope of abundant life in the presence of death and that we are not in this alone – that God came to help us better know what it is to be a healing community and a healed community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison, using debts)*

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Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Community Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: As we are invited into the story of Jesus the Christ, we are transformed by the magnificent Divine love. Like Zacchaeus, we discover how we are to share our gifts of treasures, time, and talents. We are given holy opportunities of hospitality to invite the Christ into our spaces. May we celebrate our transformation by the gifts we share this week.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: God of Infinite Light,

In the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God's Realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across this world. Amen.

† **HYMN**

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

#459

PARTING WORDS

One: May the Spirit of Strength sustain us on our journeys.

May the Christ of Grace fill our hearts with understanding.

May the God of Presence lead us from the depths of shadows into the light.

May we know we are never alone in treetops, in corners, or on roads. The steadfast love of God travels with us wherever we go!

POSTLUDE

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The Lost: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian , an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.



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