

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ALL SAINT’S DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

“Make no small plans, for they have no power to stir men’s souls”—Daniel Burnham

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Introit

Call to Worship (*The Third Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 60*)

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

All: For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

One: But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear over you.

All: Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

One: Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

All: They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

One: Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

All: You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.

One: The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

All: The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

*Hymn: *For All the Saints* PH 306

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God; to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name. Through Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

*The Lord’s Prayer (*using “sins”*)

*The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-8, 14-18

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Anthem: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* (C.V. Parry/arr. T. Hoekstra)

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* PH 481

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory: *Giver of Life, Where’er They Be* (F.L. Hosmer/M. Vulpius)

Doxology PH 515

Praise God from whom all blessing flow! Praise him, all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye, heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

*(*Those who are able, please stand.)*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Table is open to all Christians who wish to know Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Deacons ask parents to reflect on Communion's meaning with their children.

The Confession

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us stand together and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All:** **Most merciful God; we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

***One:** Almighty God has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. May the peace of God be always with you.

***All:** And also with you.

Communion Prayer and Reception of the Bread and Cup

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *Forward Through the Ages*

PH 383

Benediction

Choral Response and Postlude

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