



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for

November 3, 2024 10:30 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY – ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Air on the G String

J. S. Bach, arr. Chris Jeffers

Terrence French, trumpet

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from *To the saints* by m jade kaiser*

One: How do we say thank you?
To you who
dreamed.
fought.
believed.
suffered.

**All: To you who showed us
what incredible things
humans are capable of
under the most
challenging of circumstances.
We kneel to your courage.
We pray to acquire your faith.
We praise God,
the Divine in you.**

One: Are you with us still,
in these days of grief?
Are you companioning us
in this long journey to justice
or
weeping
at the vanity
of it all?

**All: Will you tell us your secrets?
Whisper softly in our direction
about when you wanted to quit,
when you got tired,
when you weren't sure
if any of it mattered
or if it was worth the costs.**

One: What kept you going?
Was it your own prayers
to the saints
who went before you?

**All: Did you long to make them proud?
Was it seeing God
in your people
yearning to live
free?
Was it us – the future ones,
now enfleshed?**

One: More important than your answers
is simply your assurance that
you asked the same questions
as budding prophets today
and kept living love
anyway.

**m jade kaiser, co-founder and co-director of enfleshed, a liturgical collective that endeavors to center the wisdom, experiences, and desires of those traditionally on the fringes of dominant institutions, theologies, and politics.*

*HYMN When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

Terrence French, trumpet

v1.

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!*

v2.

*Oh, when the drums begin to sound,
Oh, when the drums begin to sound,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!*

v3.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky...

v4.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call...

v5.

Oh, when the saints go marching in...

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

What is your favorite type of Halloween candy?

ORDER FOR BLESSING A DEPARTING SERVICE MEMBER

Dimekwan French

Words of Assurance

Pledge of Support

Pastor (*to congregation*): You have heard these words of assurance. Do you, Dimekwan's church family, pledge to support him with your love and prayers and will you care for his family as he offers his service to our country?

People: We pledge our support, our love, our care, and our prayers.

Presentation

Prayer of Blessing

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Congregation sings:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON *Where you go, I'll Go*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 591 This is my Song

FINLANDIA

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Ritual of Remembrance

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS NCH 793

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English. Chord symbols (C, G7, F, Am) are placed above the treble staff.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer

**All: Jesus Christ, Lamb, and Shepherd,
we remember you here,
as we remember all your saints.
Help us to remember you
not just in this sanctuary
but in our homes and schools
our cars and offices
to remember that every part of our life is shot through with your grace
and that we are never alone
but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses
united by your love. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Still I Sing Alleluia
Center Church Choir

K. Penderson

*DOXOLOGY:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NCH 299 For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Sine Nomine*

*The flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God, in remembrance of the communion of
all the saints gone before us and in memory of Barbara T. Sanders.*