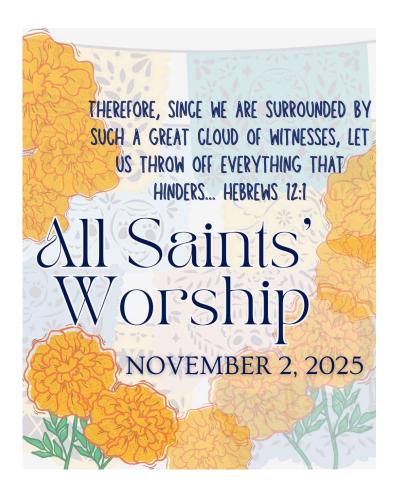


An Open and Affirming Congregation of The United Church of Christ



Order of Worship for

November 2, 2025 10:30 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 2, 2025 A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP – OUR MONEY STORY 4: RESTORE ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP – COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Please rise in body or spirit.

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE Amazing Grace

D. Bish

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of how we live and how we long to live.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: Because we are forgetful people. One: So may we remember who we are.

All: May we release the narratives that trap us.

One: May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

All: And may we work toward restoration.

One: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

All: Let us worship holy God.

*OPENING HYMN (*Insert*) When the Saint Go Marching In *Terrence French, Trumpet* Traditional

v1

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in,

Oh Lord, I want to be in that number Oh, when the stars fall from the sky... When the saints go marching in!

v2. Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call...

v3.

v4.

Oh, when the drums begin to sound,
Oh, when the drums begin to sound,
v5.

Oh Lord, I want to be in that number Oh, when the saints go marching in...

When the saints go marching in!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

Children are dismissed to Classrooms as the congregation sings...

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God,

We cannot do the work of restoration without Your Word.

We cannot do the work of remembering, releasing, or reimagining without Your Word.

We need You like the earth needs rain and a sailboat needs wind.

We come to You in prayer to ask that You breathe new life into us.

Grant us the clarity needed to hear Your Word anew.

And as You do, restore us to Your breath.

Restore us to Your Word.

Restore us to one another.

Gratefully we pray.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 33: 1-17 Esau forgives Jacob

John 21: 1-19 Jesus appears to the Disciples

SERMON Our Money Story, Week 4: Restore The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

*MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 493 Oh Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL'S STORY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God is in this place. **People:** And in our hearts.

Pastor: Open yourself to the nudging God. **People:** We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Pastor: Remember God made flesh.

People: Jesus, who taught us a new way.

REMEMBERING

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP ACROSS GENERATIONS

Mary Reynolds, David Reynolds and Ruth Fortune Reynolds, Jean-Luc and Elle Reynolds

"The Body of Christ, Broken for You; The Cup of the New Covenant, Poured Out for You"

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive the elements of communion. After you have received communion, we invite you to light one of the candles on the communion table in remembrance of your ancestors and ancestors in faith that make up the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) which surrounds us all.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; From child-like faith, to youthful energy,

from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom.

We thank you for this time, this remembrance. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Psalm 150

C. Franck

Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Holy God,

There was Eden, and then there was east of Eden;

Which is all to say—this world is not what you intended it to be.

All: You planted a garden and dreamed of Sabbath—and it was good.

It was so very good.

One: However, when we look around today, we know that we have lost our way. So today, we bring our hearts, minds, and money back to you in hopes that you will sow good. This is the work of restoration, for we want to be a restoration people.

All: Use these gifts for your hurting world.

Restore us to you, oh God.

Amen.

*HYMN NCH 299 For All the Saints

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship. Go in Peace!