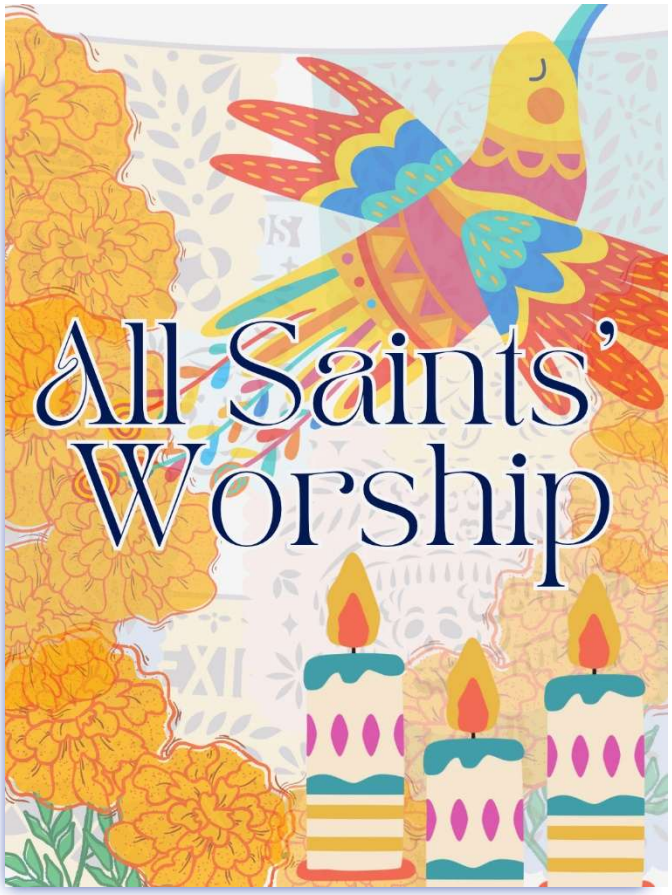
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Order of Worship for

November 1, 2026 10:30 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 1, 2026
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP

*****_Please rise in body or spirit._

CHIMES

PIANO PRELUDE I've Got Peace Like a River arr. L. Goss

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

CALL TO WORSHIP
Adapted from the United Methodist Church

One: On this All-Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
All: We give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.
We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.
We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.
We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.
We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.
We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

*OPENING 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

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!

SCRIPTURE Revelations 7: 9-17

SERMON Every Tear *Rev. Liza Arulampalam*

SUNG RESPONSE NCH 337 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether *(Verse 1)* UNION SEMINARY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This morning's communion liturgy is drawn from "Celebrating their Lives: Holy Communion for All Saints' Day," by Rev. Scott A. Ressman, Pastor of the United Church of Rockville Centre, Rockville Center, NY.

Invitation

SONG NCH 337 Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether *(Verse 2)*

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

We remember those who have died in the past year.
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve
We remember those who have died in the last year…

And we remember all those who have gone before us...

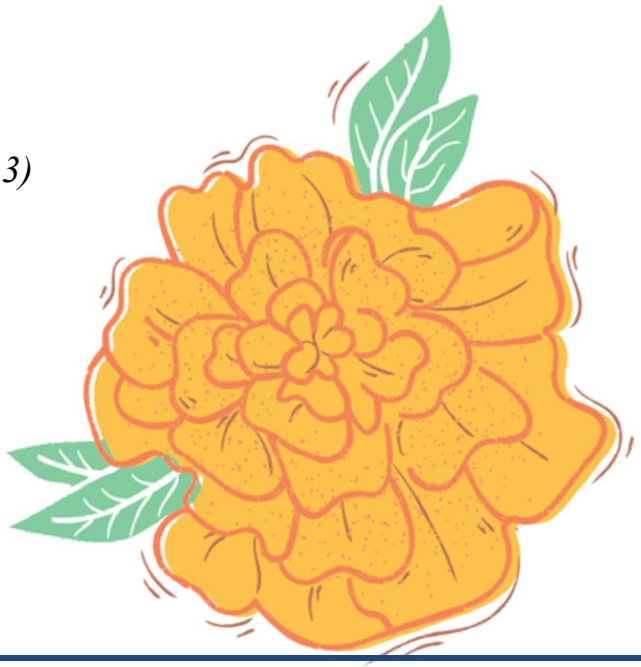
And together we proclaim is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

SONG NCH 337 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether *(verse 3)*

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Call to the Feast

Sharing the Bread and Cup

This is not our table, but God's table. All are welcome to come forward to receive the elements of communion. If you need assistance or are unable to come forward, please let us know and an usher will bring the elements to you.

After you receive the elements of Communion, you are invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed onto glory before returning to your seat.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. **Amen.**

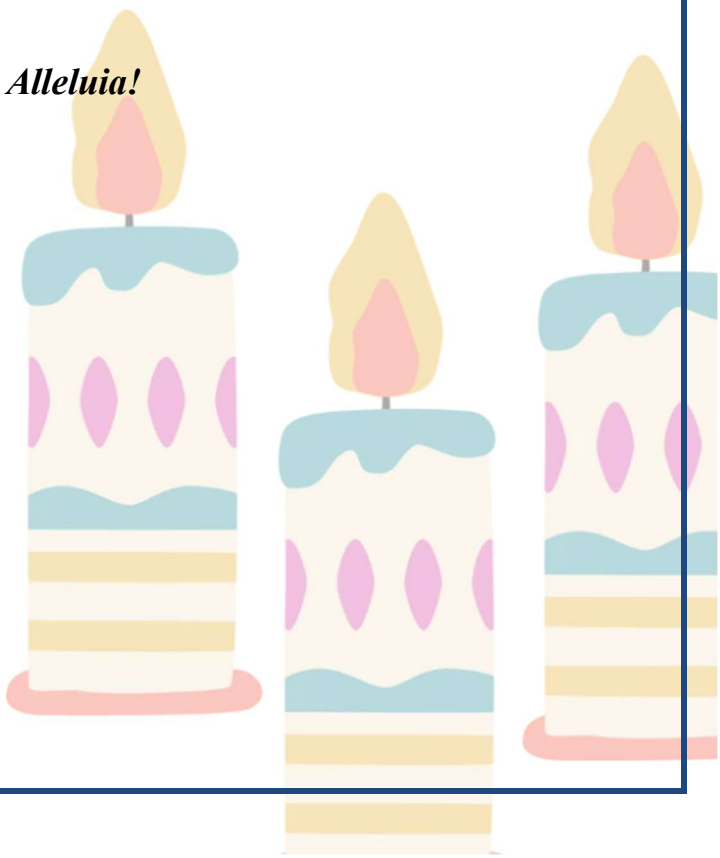
THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether H. Freidell
Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Responsive*)

One: Increase our faith.
All: Boldly!
Help us to love.
Boldly!
Encourage us to act.
Boldly!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

*HYMN NCH 299 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata L. Boellman

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

Please join us this afternoon, at 4 PM, for a free concert hosted by Music & The Arts at Center Church: "A Celebration of Gospel," with the Lisa Clayton Singers