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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING MUSIC

Two compositions on "For All the Saints" (*Sine Nomine*)
". . .*sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. . .*" Karl Osterland (b. 1956)
Theme and Variation Eurydice V. Osterman (b. 1950)

WELCOME & FRAMING

*GATHERING WORDS

We remember those teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us, like ...
We remember and we give thanks!
We remember choir members, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises, like...
We remember and we give thanks!
We remember pastors and lay leaders who led our worship showed us God's love, like...
We remember and we give thanks!
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and showed us how to live our faith all week long, like...
We remember and we give thanks!
We remember our church families—here at First United and all the other communities of faith that have formed us, like...
We remember and we give thanks!
We remember our ancestors in faith whose courage enables us to be here today. With all of the saints of every time and every place, those we remember and those whose names are forgotten,
Let us worship God!

*HYMN #326- For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steal on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pear streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO ACCOUNTABILITY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have guided us along the path of faith, continuing to follow is difficult. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect—just forgiven and washed by your grace. We ask now for your forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust that your grace is sufficient to make us Holy Ones, too. With all of their quirks and flaws, the saints lit our lives with glimpses of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and with the persistent nudging of the Spirit, may we likewise reflect your love in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*RESPONSE TO GRACE #39- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 3 + refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!
And also with you!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:1-8
Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON "Cheerful Hospitality"

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

*HYMN #731- Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die

how forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on towards that light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own: God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Jim Parmelee

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

An offering plate will be passed during the service,
or you may give online through Tithe.ly: https://tithe.ly/give?c=1309305
Please note where you would like your gift to be directed (general fund, deacons, etc.)

OFFERTORY

On "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (*Laudes Domini*)

Timothy Albrecht (b. 1950)

*DOXOLOGY — #667- When Morning Gilds (vs. 3)

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the Harvest, we give you thanks for meeting our every need. As you have richly gifted us, make us generous stewards of your grace, your hope, and your love. We share from our strength that we might serve our neighbor and glorify you. Bless these gifts to support our ministry of justice, peace, and healing. Amen.

COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS — #552- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #553- Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kindom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*SHARING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN #852- When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain:
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.

When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.
When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice.

*BLESSING From Dorothy Day's autobiography *The Long Loneliness*

SENDING MUSIC

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"

setting, Ronald A. Nelson (1927-2014)

Preacher: Rev. Marranda Major
Guest Organist: David A. Vredenburg – Eastern NY Chapter, American Guild of Organists (AGO)
Onscreen Visuals: Charlotte Albertin, Martha Juenger, and Jim Parmelee
Audiovisual Production: Martha Juenger and Dan Rogers

Session

Class of 2027	*Class of 2028*	*Class of 2029*
Jim Parmelee	Alan Chandler	Nora McDowell
Sue Steele	Kodzo Dzikunu	Fred Miller
Marilynn O'Dell	Bruce Reed	Peggy Smith Savchik

Diaconate

Class of 2027	*Class of 2028*	*Class of 2029*
Debbie Brown	Diane Chandler	Peg Drew
Miriam Parmelee	Olga Green	Laura Rogers
Brenda Westbrook	Noel Hains	Pat Rudebush