

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**Memorial Sunday | All Saints Sunday**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

***“Come, Let Us Gather”*** *Traditional*  
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**Call to Worship**

Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

**May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

**In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

**And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

**\*Hymn**

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”***

*New Century Hymnal #277*

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Anthem**

***“For All the Saints”*** *by William W. How*

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**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution** (*We will share the bread and juice together*)

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Revelation 7:9-17

**\*Hymn**

***“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”***

*New Century Hymnal #295*

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**Sermon**

**Rev. Abby Gackenhimer**

## Music of Reflection

### Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

#### Prayer Response

***“Let Thy Holy Presence” by Pavel Tschesnokoff***

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### Call to Generosity

Part of All Saints Day is recognizing that we are not building God's kin-dom alone. We continue the work that our ancestors started, and the generations after us will continue to build on what we are doing right now in this place. So it is with generous hearts that we bring our offerings before God, trusting that though we did not begin this work and will not see it finished, God will bring it to completion.

### Offertory

***\*Doxology Pilgrim Hymnal #515 \*[alternative words]***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below  
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen***

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you knit us together, threading our lives to the generations before us and the generations after us. May these gifts be used to continue the work our ancestors began and to build on what we are doing now. Into your hands, we entrust these gifts so that our unfinished work will one day be complete. Amen.

### The Reading of the Names of Those We Remember and Honor

*A bell will toll in honor after reading of each name.*

#### \*Hymn

***“God, We Thank You for Our People”***

*New Century Hymnal #376*

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### Benediction

**Benediction Response *“Go Now in Peace” by Don Besig and Nancy Price***

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### Postlude

Liturgy:

Call to Worship and Invocation: *All Saints Day Service Prayers* were written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ.

Communion Liturgy: Rev. Anna Strickland. A Sanctified Art. And prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. Michelle L Torigian All Saints Sunday Communion

Liturgy <https://michelletorigian.com/2017/10/>

Call to Generosity/prayer: Rev. Anna Strickland, A Sanctified Art, LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:1-8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

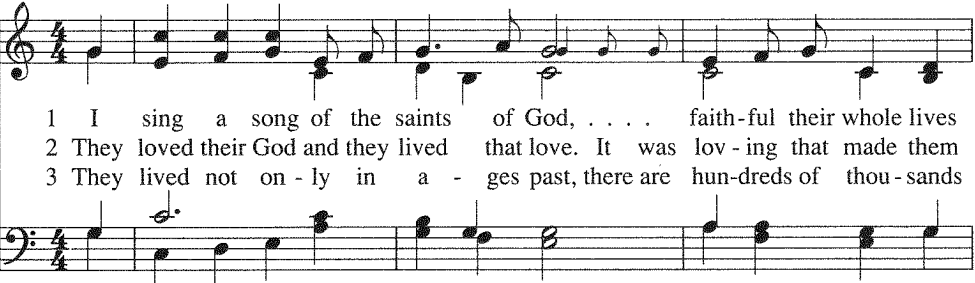
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

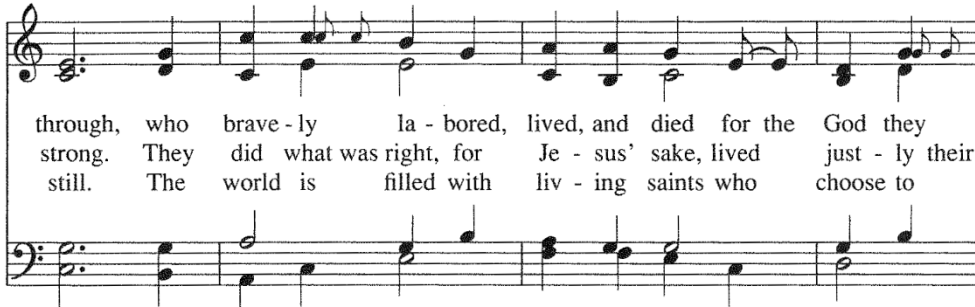
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

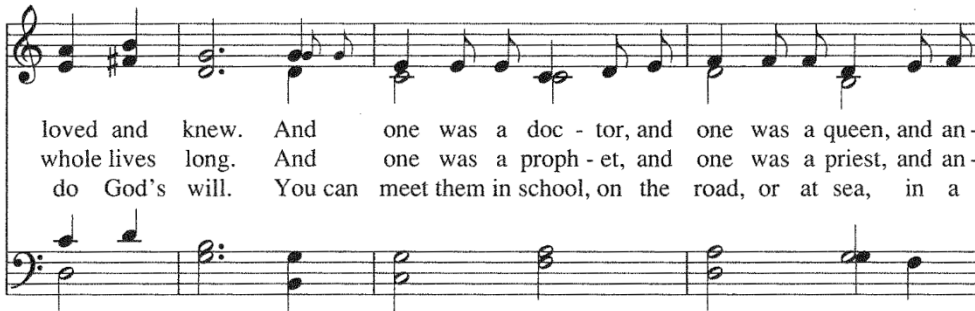
## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.**Unison*


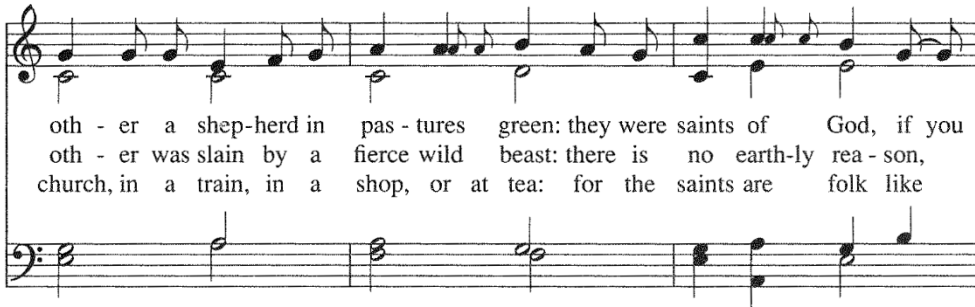
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . faith-ful their whole lives  
2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov-ing that made them  
3 They lived not on-ly in a-ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands



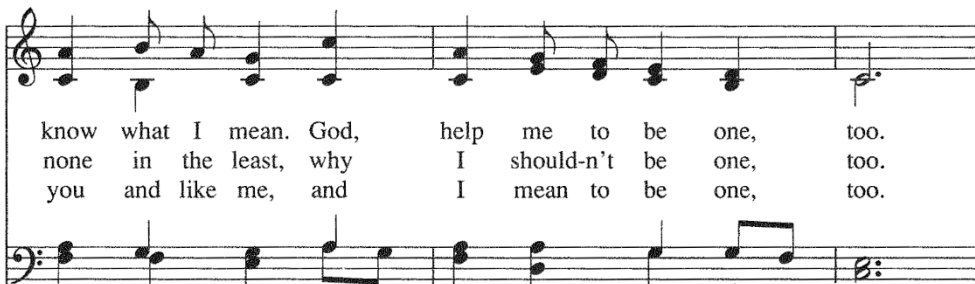
through, who brave-ly la-bored, lived, and died for the God they  
strong. They did what was right, for Je-sus' sake, lived just-ly their  
still. The world is filled with liv-ing saints who choose to



loved and knew. And one was a doc-tor, and one was a queen, and an-  
whole lives long. And one was a proph-et, and one was a priest, and an-  
do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a



oth-er a shep-herd in pas-tures green: they were saints of God, if you  
oth-er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea-son,  
church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like

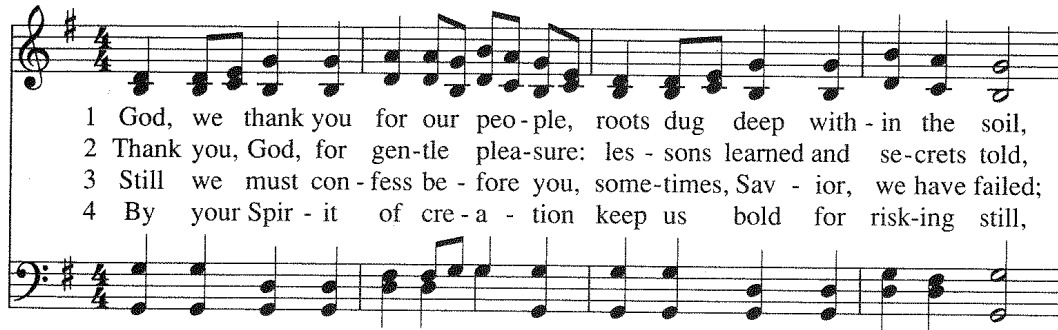


know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.  
none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too.  
you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

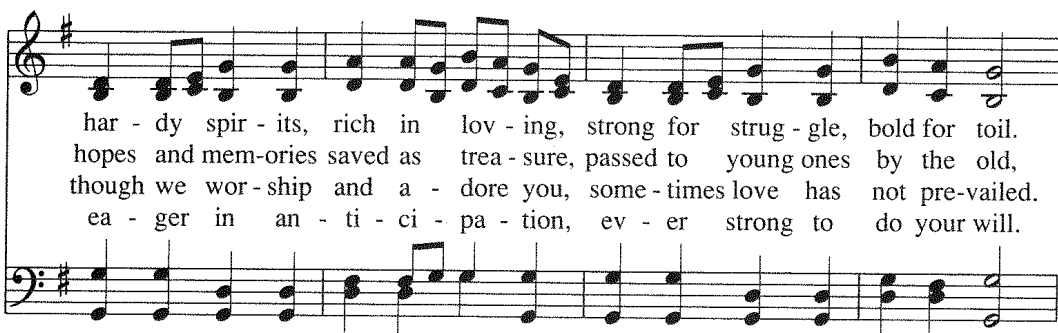
## God, We Thank You for Our People

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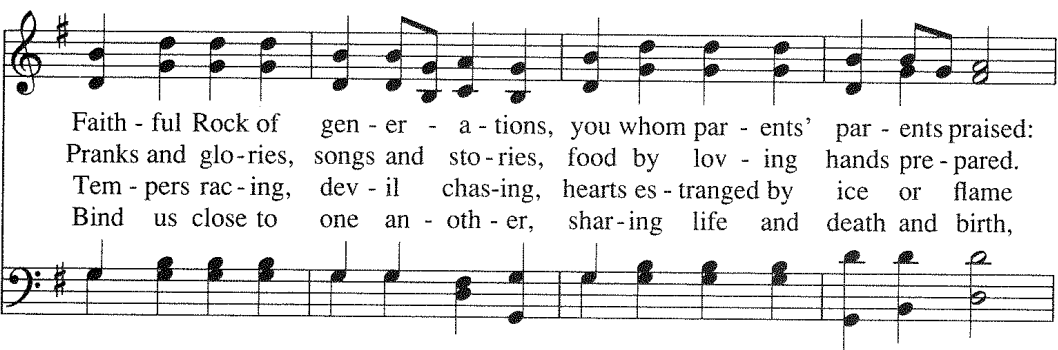
Ruth Duck, 1986



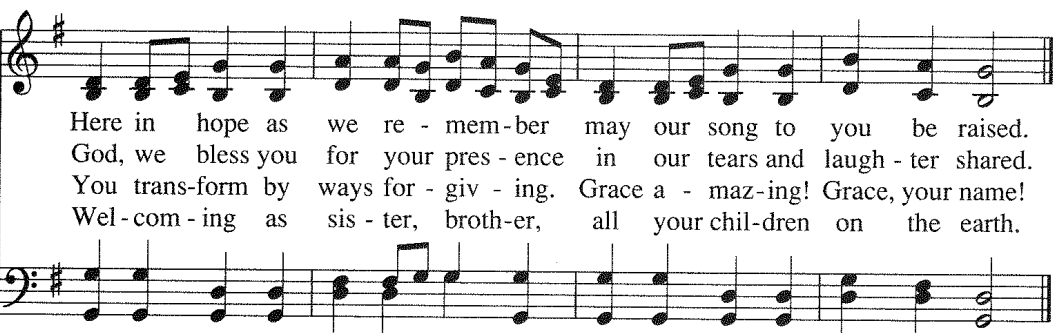
1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
 2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,  
 3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
 4 By your Spir - it of cre-a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
 hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
 though we wor-ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-ailed.  
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
 Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
 You trans-form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz-ing! Grace, your name!  
 Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William Moore, 1825