

November 7, 2021

"Enough to Hope"

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 + 12:1-2

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All Are Welcome!

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks."

Luke 12:32-36

+Stand as you are able.

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE Esther Mino

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **People:** Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

+OPENING PRAYER

Gather us together this day, O God, that we may celebrate the witness and faith of our forefathers and foremothers and their courage that gave birth to your church. Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days. May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith. Inspire us in the continuing work of the church and be present to us your in word and sacrament. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" (#545, vv. 1, 2, 5) Esther Mino

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Audrey Walls

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness—just as the saints have before us. We offer them in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation—now and for all the saints yet to come. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake o¹ the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Enough to Hope" Pastor Shauna

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE with CANDLELIGHTING

Leader: We remember these saints in our prayers today,

People: And we give thanks for their lives.

Leader: We remember them and find strength in their faith, **People:** And in the faith of all the saints both known to us

and known only to God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: We will light candles this morning as an act of remembrance for each

of the saints we've lost this year. As we remember those who have gone on before us, and as we celebrate God's promise of everlasting

life for those who keep the faith, let us pray together.

People: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the witness of your

servants whom we remember before you this day. They have

fought the good fight, they have run the race, they have kept the faith. We commend these saints to your care, remembering that you are the resurrection and the life. Help us to be faithful, as they have been faithful, help us to bear witness as they have born witness, and may we be numbered among those in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

We Remember: Alice M. D'Amico Nancy J. Bell

Dorothy Ann Cook
John J. Green, Jr.
John R. Grimes
Jean P. Eckbold
Shawn P. Green
Barry Gwyer

Loretta W. Hanks Rev. Thomas H. Jenkins

William J. Scott Pearl Speakman Julia M. Taylor Donald R. Walls

Barbara Wescott And Others Among Us

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (#66) Esther Mino

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE Rev. Shaur Esther Min-LITURGIST Pat Moore CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore TECH TEAM Josh Dwye

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge Esther Mino Pat Moore Pat Moore Josh Dwyer Terry Moore WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:
GREETER Hanna
ATTENDANCE Hanna
USHER 1 Wayna
USHER 2 Cyndy

Hannah Smith Hannah Smith Wayne Barrows Cyndy Weiner