

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Desiree Davis-Omburo

Autumn Boyer

Prelude
Chiming the Trinity
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—by Beth Merrill Neel

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

And let us worship God.

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure,
who set the example for humility.

**With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,
let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer

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Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who
mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin,
release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that
we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy
name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

† ***Opening Hymn*** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH 213

† ***Hymn***

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

UMH 384

Prayer of Illumination

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**Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true. By
the power of your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear what You wish to say to us
today, amen.**

Gospel Reading

John 11:17-44

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Homily

Pastor Adam

† ***Song during the Offering:***

“For All the Saints”

UMH 711



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession—by Rev. Lucas Keppel

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Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols
instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who
have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before
God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God’s forgiveness and
grace.

**Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our
spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would
have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our
stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us,
dear One—comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and
help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the
grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones
that we don’t share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of
our hearts. Amen.**

A time of silence

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Amen!**

Liturgy for Holy Communion continues on UMH 15
Receiving Holy Communion

Prayer Following Communion

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What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given to us in time, be our healing for eternity. May this holy food cleave to my very soul, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have renewed. Who live and reign, world without end. Amen.

Invitation from Pastor Adam to Remember the Saints

Remembering the Saints and the Lighting of Candles

† ***Closing Hymn***

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

† ***Benediction***

† ***Chiming the Trinity***

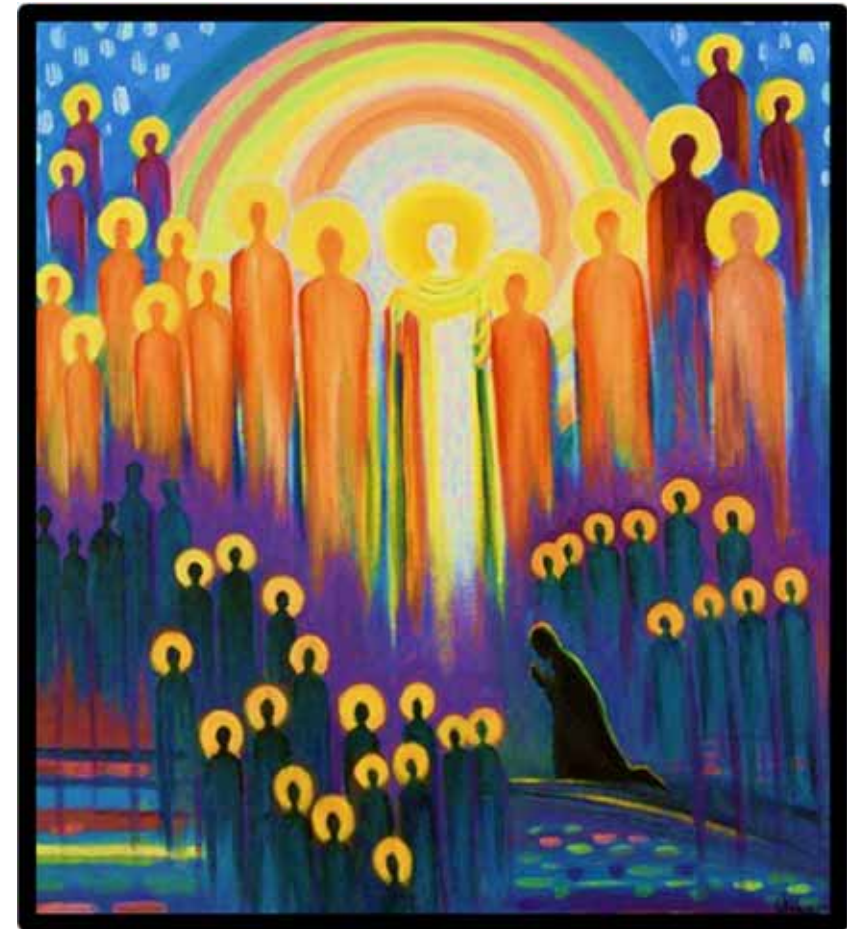
† ***Postlude***

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All Saints Sunday