11.1.26

Prelude
Choral Introit

Welcome
Call to Worship
One: One: We raise our voices in praise with saints of every time and place.
**All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!**
One: God, we give you thanks for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.
**All: We remember them.**
One: For all who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world,
**All: We give you thanks.**
One: For all who have earnestly sought you in darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trail, and done good as they have had the opportunity,
**All: We give you thanks.**
One: Especially for those we have known and loved, who, by their patient teaching, steadfast hope, and encouraging presence, have been the hands and feet of Christ for us,
**All: We give your thanks.**
One: As they have comforted and upheld our souls, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn For All the Saints #326 vs. 1,3-5

Call to Reconciliation:

One: In unity with all of the saints around the world, past and present, who have found forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ, let us bring confess our sin together.

**All: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live their lives in faith. We confess when we have been indifferent to your movement in our lives. You call us to live the gospel with our words and actions, but too often we are silent. You call us to follow Your example to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully with fullhearted truth and grace, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ**

(Moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

One: How reassuring to remember that every saint has come to God for forgiveness and a new start. Each hero in faith, each person who bravely sought the will of God for their own time and place, all who have come before us have brought their needs before the Shepherd of their souls as we do today.
**All: God did not abandon them and God does not abandon us today. Let us celebrate with all the saints the truth which sets us free. We are seen, loved, forgiven, and filled with new life and hope.**

Passing of the Peace
One: The Spirit of God binds us together as a community of faith, to share the love and peace that God so generously bestows on us. May the peace of Christ be with you all.
**All: And also with you**
One: Amen. Let us greet each other with God's love.

Children's Message and Blessing
All Saint's Day Reading

Song of Preparation Just a Closer Walk with Thee #835 vs, 1, 3

Prayer for Understanding God's Word
One: Holy Spirit, we offer this reading of scripture to you. Open our hearts and minds to hear what you are saying to us today.

Reading from the Early Church Revelation 7:9-17

Reading from the Gospels Matthew 5:1-12

Moment for Stewardship Reflection- Shooting for the Stars

Communion Song All Belong Here
Verse 1: When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus:
Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

Verse 2. When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home.  Chorus.

Bridge: At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace

Communion

Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer (in template)

Invitation to the Offering
Doxology
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Community Life and Announcements

Sending Hymn  When the Saints Go Marching In
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When Gabriel blows that golden horn…

Oh, when they crown him Lord of all…

Oh, when they gather round the throne…

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude