

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 1, 2020
The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
All-Saints' Sunday

While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service is posted on the church's Facebook page, on YouTube, and will be linked to the MPC website, www.mpchurch.net. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder of the Month: Susie Lewis, 379-6478
- Deacon of the Month: Sandra Bowen, 236-7158

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;*

*it shall be thy royal throne;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee;
ever, only, all for thee.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Matthew 5:6 Jesus said “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those of ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Communion Song

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the word of our God endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Introduction of those who are to be installed and ordained

Constitutional Questions

The congregation is addressed requesting their consent and support

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed

Charge to the Congregation

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

... with angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

**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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints