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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Welcome and Announcements

John Daniel, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to worship (please rise as able)

John Daniel & Congregation

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: O magnify the LORD with me;

P: Let us exalt God's Name together.

*Opening Hymn

CH #337 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

*Invocation

John Daniel & Congregation

O God, let our prayers come before you this morning, just as you heard Jonah in the belly of the fish. Hear us, and deliver us from being ensnared by our own defiance and desire to make our enemies your enemies. Show us your great love and compassion for all of your people. Amen.

All Saints Observance

Sharla Hulsey & John Daniel

Prayer Hymn

CH #602 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

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.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

John Daniel & Congregation

Jonah 2:2-3, 5-6 (NRSV)

L: I called to the LORD out of my distress,
and he answered me;

**P: out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.**

L: You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.

**P: The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.**

L: I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;

**P: yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O LORD my God.**

Special Music

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Adult Choir

Scripture

Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1—4:11

Carol Hedrick

Message

"More Than a Fish Story"

Sharla Hulsey

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

"Where He Leads Me"

CH #346 (all)

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

2024 All Saints Memorial

November 1 is *All Saints Day*, when we remember all the Christians who have received their Heavenly reward. Today we remember all those from our church family who have passed away since last *All Saints Day*.

**Deloris Baldwin
Frank Baldwin
Marcella Dines**

**Gene Morrison
Christina Quick**

Also remember before God these beloved family members.

**Nick Alkire
Neoma Anderson
Jo Beers
Glenn Casto
Monty "Joe" Christopher
Robert Christopher
Derry Ferguson**

**Denise Hagberg
Mikey Lemm
Betty Lewis
Bill McElwain
Gary Roberts
Zeb Robertson**

May their memories be a blessing.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

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 of 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.

Litany of Remembrance (next page)

Prayer (unison)

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, bless all your saints now and through eternity. By your mercy and unalterable love, gather all your saints together unto yourself: those who have taken you for their strength, those who have served you with sacrifice, those who have offered you thanks and praise. May all the departed saints rejoice in the New Jerusalem of grace and peace, and praise you among the choirs of the blessed, in joy without end; and may we one day be reunited with them in your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

A Litany of Remembrance

by Rabbis Sylvan Kamen and Jack Riemer, 1970

- L: At the rising sun and at its going down;
P: We remember them.
- L: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;
P: We remember them.
- L: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;
P: We remember them.
- L: At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer;
P: We remember them.
- L: At the rustling of the leaves
and in the beauty of the autumn;
P: We remember them.
- L: At the beginning of the year and when it ends;
P: We remember them.
- L: As long as we live, they too will live,
**P: for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.**
- L: When we are weary and in need of strength;
P: We remember them.
- L: When we are lost and sick at heart;
P: We remember them.
- L: When we have decisions that are difficult to make;
P: We remember them.
- L: When we have joy we crave to share;
P: We remember them.
- L: When we have achievements that are based on theirs;
P: We remember them.
- L: For as long as we live, they too will live,
**P: for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.**

