

# All Saints' Sunday



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WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

“All praise be to God to whom all praise is due.”  
John Coltrane

PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

During times of crisis,  
in moments of doubt,

during periods of isolation,  
through seasons of uncertainty...

**we place our trust in a loving God.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

In communion with the saints,  
in solidarity with the suffering,

and united with all people of good will,

**we come before God in this time of remembrance and thanksgiving.**

HYMN 526 “For All the Saints”

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

**The evening comes early and the temperature drops, O God. While the days still seem to blend together, we look and listen as autumn tells of your bounty and beauty, and of endings and harvest.**

**All that we have comes from you. We thank you for your love that unites us in sorrow and joy. Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we thank you for your care and compassion as boundless as the universe yet as close as falling tears. Be with us in our worship, work in us and through us for your purposes of peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

TIME OF GRATITUDE

ANTHEM “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:11-23

PSALM 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord alone is God;  
we belong to the Lord, who made us,  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise;  
give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For good is the Lord,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Luke 6:20-31

SERMON                  "Hope, Riches, Greatness"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

**We thank you, O Christ,  
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes  
you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,  
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.  
May they speak to us  
of the everyday made holy,  
of life made new,  
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God,  
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and renewed us for your service.  
Number us among your saints, O God,**

**and join us with the faithful of every age.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until the promised day of resurrection,  
when with the redeemed of all the ages  
we will feast at your table in glory;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 449 “My Lord! What a Morning”

**Refrain:**

**My Lord! what a morning,  
My Lord! what a morning!  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
When the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God’s right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

**You will hear the sinner cry  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God’s right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

**You will hear the Christian shout  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God’s right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “When the Saints Go Marching In”

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**WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.** We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. The choir will sing, but there will be no congregational singing. There will be no coffee hour, although you are encouraged to talk with one another outside after worship.

**WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING.** You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address will be the same each week.

**RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES** are posted on Sunday afternoon at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES**—If you would like to contribute flowers for the worship services on upcoming Sundays please call the office to let Jenn know or sign up on the sheet in Rockwood Hall.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**—Each year on the First Sunday in November, Congregational UCC observes “All Saints Sunday.” This is a time for us to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those members of Congregational UCC who have died in the past year—and for all the saints. This year we remember **Margaret Loughry, David Carew, Bill Williams, and Mary Heininger**. Our worship service on this day is both solemn and joyful, befitting a congregation of people who live in the light of the resurrection. As is our custom, we have a jazz band leading our worship this Sunday to help us look toward that day when the saints go marchin’ in. Our friend, the well-known jazz pianist Dick Watson, is joined today by Gary Palmer, bass, and Craig Wood, drums.

**We will receive our Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering this morning.** NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

This year offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.

**GIVING UPDATES AVAILABLE:** If you have any questions about your giving to the church or if you would like an update on your giving, please call the church office (337-4301) or email our Office Manager, Jenn Harden at [uccicadmin@uccic.org](mailto:uccicadmin@uccic.org).

**A new Bible Study will start in November.** We'll look at the scripture lessons—primarily from the Old Testament—that are used in the Christmas section of Handel's *Messiah*. If you are interested or want more information, please talk with Bill Lovin.

**CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank Top Ten Needed Donations:** please take donations to the food bank at 1045 Highway 6 East, Iowa City. Financial donations can be made via the website [www.builtbycommunity.org](http://www.builtbycommunity.org), or mailed to the office at 1121 S. Gilbert Court Iowa City, IA 52245

1. Financial donations
2. Hygiene products
3. Toilet paper
4. Canned meat
5. Baby Diapers and Wipes
6. Baby formula
7. Rice and pasta
8. Hearty Soups and Stews
9. Peanut butter
10. Laundry detergent

**YOUR GIFT CAN HELP THE OPEN HEARTLAND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION:** On Sunday, December 12, Open Heartland will give Christmas presents and food to over 175 immigrant families living in five of the most disadvantaged mobile home communities in our county. If you would like to help provide gifts and monetary support, please contact Sarah Fietcher at [sara.fietch@icloud.com](mailto:sara.fietch@icloud.com) or 319-530-5619. You will be contacted by November 21 to pair you with a family and to give you additional details.

**Each year, Shelter House participates in National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (NHHAW)** to raise awareness and to encourage others to take action on behalf of our neighbors who are facing housing and food insecurity. . Join Shelter House during NHHAW (November 15 – 19) to support our community's most vulnerable individuals and families experiencing homelessness and contribute to this important national social movement.

Their 2021 daily events and activities are highlighted below. They would be ever-so-grateful if you joined them. If you have any questions about NHHAW, reach out to T'Shailyn Harrington at [tshailyn.harrington@shelterhouseowa.org](mailto:tshailyn.harrington@shelterhouseowa.org).

[Learn more about NHHAW](#)

Monday, November 15th | 11am - 1pm: **Soup Luncheon & Sock Drive**

A community-wide event at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (123 E Market Street, Iowa City).

Enjoy homemade soups, breads, and desserts. They will be accepting free-will donations and new socks for the winter emergency shelter.

Tuesday, November 16th | 6:30pm: **Film Screening: Sidewalk Stories**

Join Shelter House at FilmScene for a special screening of Sidewalk Stories: a beautiful, heartfelt, black and white silent film about an artist experiencing homelessness who finds a toddler in the wake of a back alley stabbing. Taking the child through the streets of New York City as they search for her mother, the pair meet an assortment of characters while developing a friendship.

**PLEASE NOTE: this event will be full capacity with enhanced wellness protocols in place requiring either 1) a 72-hour (or less) negative COVID-19 test, or 2) documentation of a vaccine card for each individual 12 or older attending.**

For more information and to purchase tickets, click the button below. See you at the movies!

[Purchase Tickets to Film Screening](#)

Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>: **Foodies Fighting Homelessness**

It's another year of Foodies Fighting Homelessness! Purchase enough tickets for your entire family, or for a few friends, and enjoy a night of full bellies and great conversation together.

Meal tickets can be redeemed throughout the day, for both dine-in and carry-out. Delivery is not available.

[Purchase Tickets to Foodies](#)

**JOIN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT 4-7 PM, 430 BROWN ST, FOR A GIFT SALE FUNDRAISER.**

You can choose from a wide selection of handmade jewelry, donated goods from Rotarians and local business owners. They will only allow 20 people into the sale at a time and masks are required to be worn at all times. Cash, credit card and check accepted.

**The Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown is partnering with the Domestic Violence Intervention Program to put solar panels on the roof of the emergency shelter.** Money saved on electricity will go directly to programs to help victim-survivors while the solar panels will reduce the shelter's impact on climate change.

***Progress made***

Through grants and donations, enough money has been raised for a system of about 64 solar panels to be installed on the roof in early 2022. The goal is to raise an additional \$35K for the purchase of a full-size, 128 panel system for the emergency shelter. Each year, this system would prevent carbon emissions equivalent to what could be sequestered by 52 acres of forest in that year. Each panel cost roughly \$600. ***For the month of November, a generous donor will be matching up to \$5K of monetary donations – so your gift will be doubled!***

If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of someone, we will send the honoree a special thank you card.

[Donate Today](#)

**THANKSGIVING IS APPROACHING. HAVE SOME TIME TO FEED A LOCAL FAMILY ON NOVEMBER 18TH?**

Gather your friends, family or coworkers and join us at the HACAP Food Reservoir to assemble Thanksgiving themed boxes that will then be delivered to families for the Thanksgiving holiday. They have 10 new spots open for this date and they will fill quickly! AND, Mercer Park Mobile Food Pantry on 11/8 needs volunteers at 12:30-2 pm.

[SIGN-UP HERE](#)



