Benson Memorial United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost | All Saints Day

TRINITY CHIMES

†WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Marching to Zion* Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

*GREETING Pat Lee, Lay Reader

Bless the Lord today and every day. Bless the Lord at all times.
We praise the Lord. Let the suffering listen and rejoice.
Magnify the Lord with me! Together let us lift his name up high!
Taste and see how good the Lord is!
The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

*OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints* UMH 711

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!

GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: welcome2bmumc!

*Please stand as you are able. †Please register your attendance in the friendship pads.

Children are welcome in the service. Children's worship bags are in the narthex.

Nursery care is available in Room 113 in the Fellowship Building.

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 may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
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!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we gather today with thankful hearts and grateful spirits to celebrate your gift of eternal life and the one who gives it in abundance, Christ Jesus. As we remember all the saints who from their labors rest, remind us that even though we no longer see them, you see them and keep them always. Your Holy Spirit knows no boundaries and rests upon each of us living and all of those who are dead. Amen.

FIRST READING — Revelation 7:9-17

ANTHEM — *Shall We Gather at the River* — Robert Lowry, arr. Jason Krug

SECOND READING — 1 John 3:1-3

SERMON — Rev. Alan Felton

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O, When Shall I See Jesus?* arr. Don Hustad

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Musical Setting A, UMH 17

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. … And so, with your people on earth and all the company of Heaven we praise your name and join their unending 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. … And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. … Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION UMH 11

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Ye Servants of God* UMH 181

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*TRINITY CHIMES

*POSTLUDE *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Gordon Young

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

If you have an urgent and private request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at **cterryz@bellsouth.net**.

REQUEST FOR VISITATION

If you know someone undergoing surgery or who would like to be added to the lay pastor visitation list, please contact Leta Grady at (919) 270-2228. All calls are confidential.

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