

Contemporary Order of Worship
November 5, 2023
Worship Series: David: Shepherd, Warrior, Poet, King
Message: Shepherd

Gathering Music *Heart of Worship*

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment

Let us rejoice with all the saints, as we lift our voices in praise.

*Song *For All the Saints* (v. 1-3)

*Litany of Remembrance

Pastor: God of the ages,
we praise You for all Your servants
who have faithfully served You,
witnessed bravely, and died in faith,
who are still shining lights in the world.

People: We praise You, O God.

Pastor: For those we have known and loved,
who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

People: We praise You, O God.

Pastor: And for those in our congregation,
who has finished their course in faith in the past twelve months:

Frank Ackley
Peggy Fields
Margaret Welch
Willease Lawton
Marian Milstead

And now, we lift up the names of the following family and friends who have passed away this year.

Michelle Abbott-Gullett
 Madame Mary Acquah
 Charles Clark
 George Glady
 Robin Glady
 Charlie Hogg
 Jon Holstine
 Teresa Kirkpatrick
 Hazel Marshall

We invite you now to lift up other family and friends who have passed away this past year that have not yet been named.

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Keep us grateful for their witness,
 and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ.
 Then at the last, bring us with them
 to share in the inheritance of the saints in light;
 through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. AMEN.**

*Song *The Sound of the Saints*

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of the People Sarah Chambers

Offering Song *I Will Rise*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Robert Miller

New Testament Reading Revelation 7:15-17 Robert Miller

Song of Reflection *Your Heart* Sarah Chambers

Message *Shepherd* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—

**You guide us in right paths and lead us in the ways of righteousness,
but we have allowed selfishness, greed, anger,
and even hate to direct our paths.**

Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways.

**Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep,
and You are our Shepherd.**

**Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice
and instead have acted in the ways of the world.**

**Guide us back to Your path,
to loving You and loving our neighbors.**

**Help lend out our hands in hope and healing,
forgiveness and love.**

In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. AMEN.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep
so that the sheep may live, finding wholeness and restoration.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

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 . . .
 And so, we Your people on earth
 and with all the company of heaven
 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 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 . . .
 that we may be for world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

**Renew our communion with all Your saints,
 especially those whom we name before You now—**

The Lord's Prayer
**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 trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer Following Communion

**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 to others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

*Closing Song *Burning in My Soul*

*Benediction

Postlude *The Sound of the Saints (Reprise)*