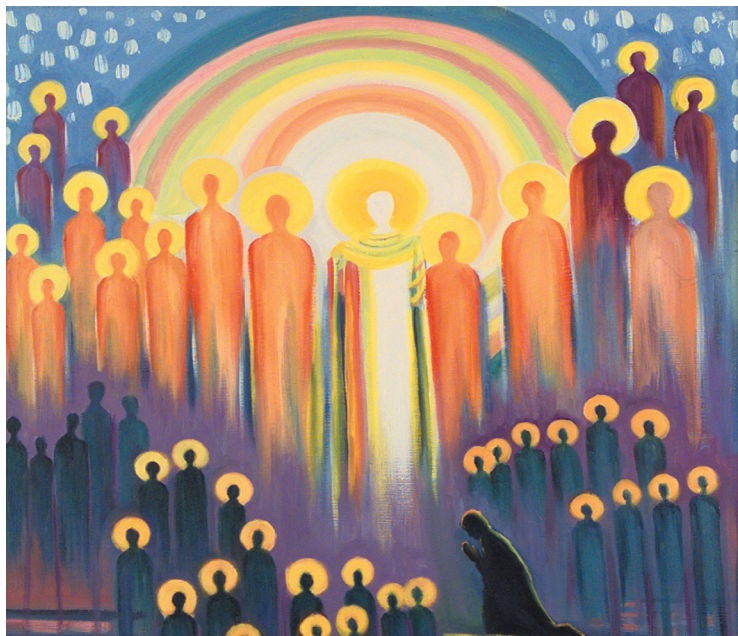




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All Saints Sunday

“Our Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Hebrews 11:1-10, 24-27; 12:1-2

October 31, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.



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**Please stand if you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude

FCC Trio

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Call to Worship

Mazarine Ebengho

L: A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All: All flesh is grass, and withers away.

L: Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

All: And reluctantly give them back to God.

L: On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

All: Let us worship God.**

***Opening Hymn**

CH 22

All Creatures of Our God

A Time for Prayer

Pastor Doug

After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.

Taizé Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, Joyful

We're joyful in the Lord

We're joyful in the Lord

And trusting as we pray

And glad for what we
have today

Community Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.



All Saints Sunday

Marvín Keizur

Myrtle Keizur

Joseph Stephane Nembetwa
Father/Grandfather to Ebengho family

Art Belch
Cousin of Tim Hickcox

Alfred Liandja
Cousin of Colette Eebengho

Joan Schmidt

Sharon Bennett

Dorothea Kirkendall
Cousin of Esther Freeman

Claralene Ray

Amber Carlin-Healy
Granddaughter of Kathie Call

Kimberly Jones

Scripture Reading

Mazarine Ebengho

Hebrews 11:1-10, 24-27; 12:1-

. **11** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ^[a] to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though^[b] he saw him who is invisible.

12 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,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of^[b] 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Doug

"Our Great Cloud of Witnesses"

For All the Saints

CH 637

Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering can be placed at the conclusion of our service in one of the two trays located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online anytime at <http://bit.ly/fccgiving>.

Communion Hymn

CH 430

For All the Saints

Sharing God's Feast

communion prayer

musical meditation

***Closing Hymn**

CH 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

***Benediction Song & Blessing**

God Be With You

Dismissal & Postlude

CH 643

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.

We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

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