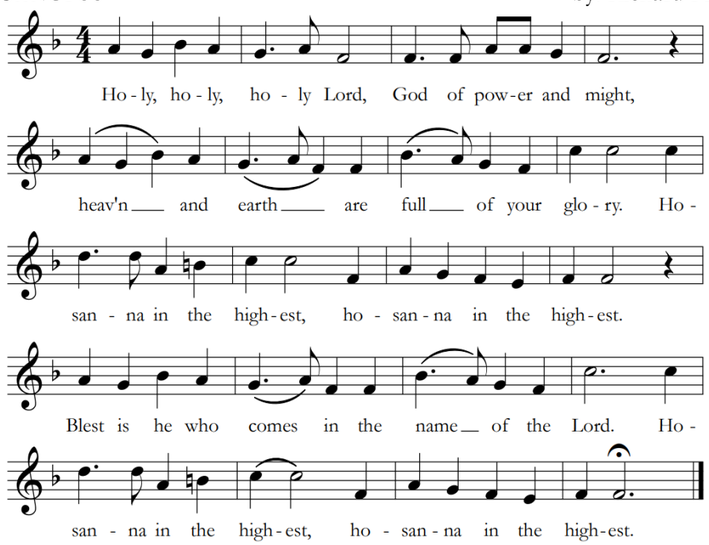
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS by: Richard Proulx

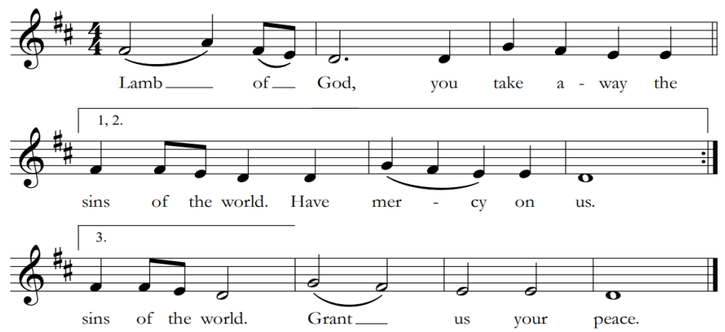


...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND AGNUS DEI



GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

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 for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 702
Sing with All the Saints in Glory *HYMN TO JOY*

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Sine Nomine by: John Weaver

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher:	Rev. Clair Sauer, *Co-lead Pastor*
Liturgists:	Rev. Ken Sauer, *Co-lead Pastor*
	Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*
Lectors:	Rev. Leah Burns *(8:45)*
	Teri Smith-Pearson *(11:00)*
Musicians:	Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*
	Paul Davis, *Contemporary Worship Director*
	FUMC Praise Band
	Parish Adult Choir
	Matthew Rajkowski, *soloist*

Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by Anne Travis and Ken and Clair Sauer in memory of Hal G. Travis and all the Saints of First Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in the Multipurpose Room following the 11:00 a.m. service for a Shoppes Potluck Fundraiser featuring a dessert auction and Dolly Parton karaoke. All are welcome, come help us make Christmas Shoppes magical!

Everyone is invited to Evening Grace worship this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Please be in prayer for the families and friends of:

Dana Parker, who died on October 25. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Sanctuary of FUMC on November 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Sandy Elkins, who died on October 17. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Chapel of FUMC on November 7 at 6:00 p.m.

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First United Methodist Church

November 1, 2026

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Childcare is provided (6 weeks - Pre –K) in Room 206.
A nursing room for new parents is available near the balcony in Room 301.
Ask any greeter for help locating rooms.

Ask an usher if you need any of these hearing or vision accommodations: assistive listening devices, large print hymnals or bulletins, or braille hymnals.

Please feel free to keep your bulletin or return it after the 8:45 a.m. service so that it may be reused.

†*Indicates congregation standing as able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Trinity Chimes represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of God and in the company of saints.
All: **We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.**
One: We remember those who prophesied, those who spoke out, those who made their witness for God.
All: **We remember those who gave their lives so every voice might be heard.**
One: We give thanks for neighbors and colleagues who make their witness for God and the good of all.
All: **We come with gratitude for courage and with hope for the days ahead. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to God, who is ever faithful.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 711 *VS. 1, 2, 4, & 6*
For All The Saints *SINE NOMINE*

†Confession of Sin

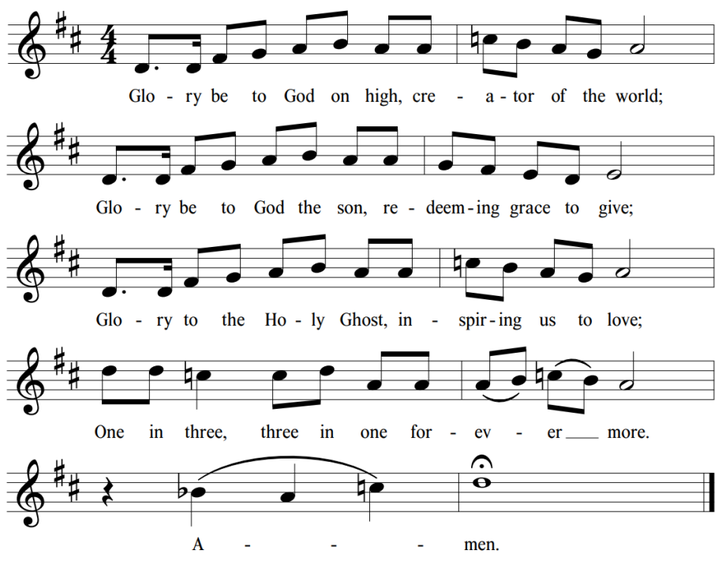
Loving God, we confess that we have not embraced your vision of beloved community. We find ways to restrict who belongs and fail to make space for diversity and difference. We bicker over how we worship and consider practices other than our own with indifference and disdain rather than appreciation and curiosity. We allow the divisiveness of the world to separate your church. We center ourselves in worship and try to make you in our image rather than expanding the circle and recognizing your image in our neighbor. Transform us, O God, so that we may reflect the beauty of your creation and the vastness of your love.

Silence for personal confession.

†Words of Assurance & Pardon

Beloved, transformation is possible with the help of God.
Receive the grace, courage, and strength the Holy One offers to remove barriers and erect bridges.
God is with us on this journey.
Listen to the Spirit, who guides and binds us in love and truth.

†Gloria in Excelsis — *Tulane*



Prayers of the Church

New Testament Lesson — Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

May God bless the reading, hearing and discernment of this word. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Omnia Sol — by: Randall Stoope

Somewhere far from nowhere, I grew both strong and tall, longing to become, but knowing not the path at all. But the footprints of the winter melted to fields of spring; one last embrace before I cross the threshold: to life we sing! O stay your soul and leave my heart its song, O stay your hand, the journey may be long. And when we part and sorrow can't be swayed, remember when and let your heart be staid. Omnia sol temperat, absens in remota. Ama me fideliter, fidem meam nota. Weave the dance and raise the chorus, grieve no more. Through the strength of Orion find refuge from the shore. Let courage be your oar, let passion be your sail. Wisdom and Truth will guide your deep heart's yearning, through all travail. O stay your soul and leave my heart its song, O stay your hand, the journey may be long. And when we part, and sorrow can't be swayed, remember when and let your heart be staid. Omnia sol temperat, absens in remota. Ama me fideliter, fidem meam nota. And when we part, and sorrow can't be swayed, remember when and let your heart be staid.

†Doxology, No. 94 — *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 5:1-2

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

May God bless the reading, hearing and discernment of this word. **Amen.**

Sermon — Blessed

Remembering Our Saints

Lathan Blair	Peggy Proffitt	Pat Ryan
Jolene Blair	Evelyn Martin	Tanyia Creasey
Betty Pitts	Dean Niehaus	Sandra Voina
Charlene Reynolds	Pat Coffey	Betty Dreyer
Dee Crumm	Terrell Horne	Gayle Boroughs
Chris Fuller	Connie Horne	Joanne Boyle
Bill Hendrich	Phyllis Jacobson	Jean Keil
Mike Cates	Nancy Vath	Janice Lovelace
Beth Frisbee Crum	Marilyn Rouse	John Peters
Jim Parks	Jeffrey Kidd	Sandy Elkins
Sam Snow	Randall Weir	Ken Luckmann
Robert Moss	Steve Bell	Carole Stoops
Deborah May	Katie Johnson	Dana Parker

Musical Response

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep — by: Howard Goodall

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush of far-off birds in circling flight. I am the star-shine of the night. I am in every flower that blooms. I am in still and empty rooms. I am the child that yearns to sing: I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. You need not be a member of our church or even United Methodist to participate. If you desire to draw near to God through Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive. Ushers will guide you forward. The servers will give you a piece of bread to dip into the cup and consume. Self-contained, gluten-free elements are available in the basket.

The Great Thanksgiving, Pg. 15

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.