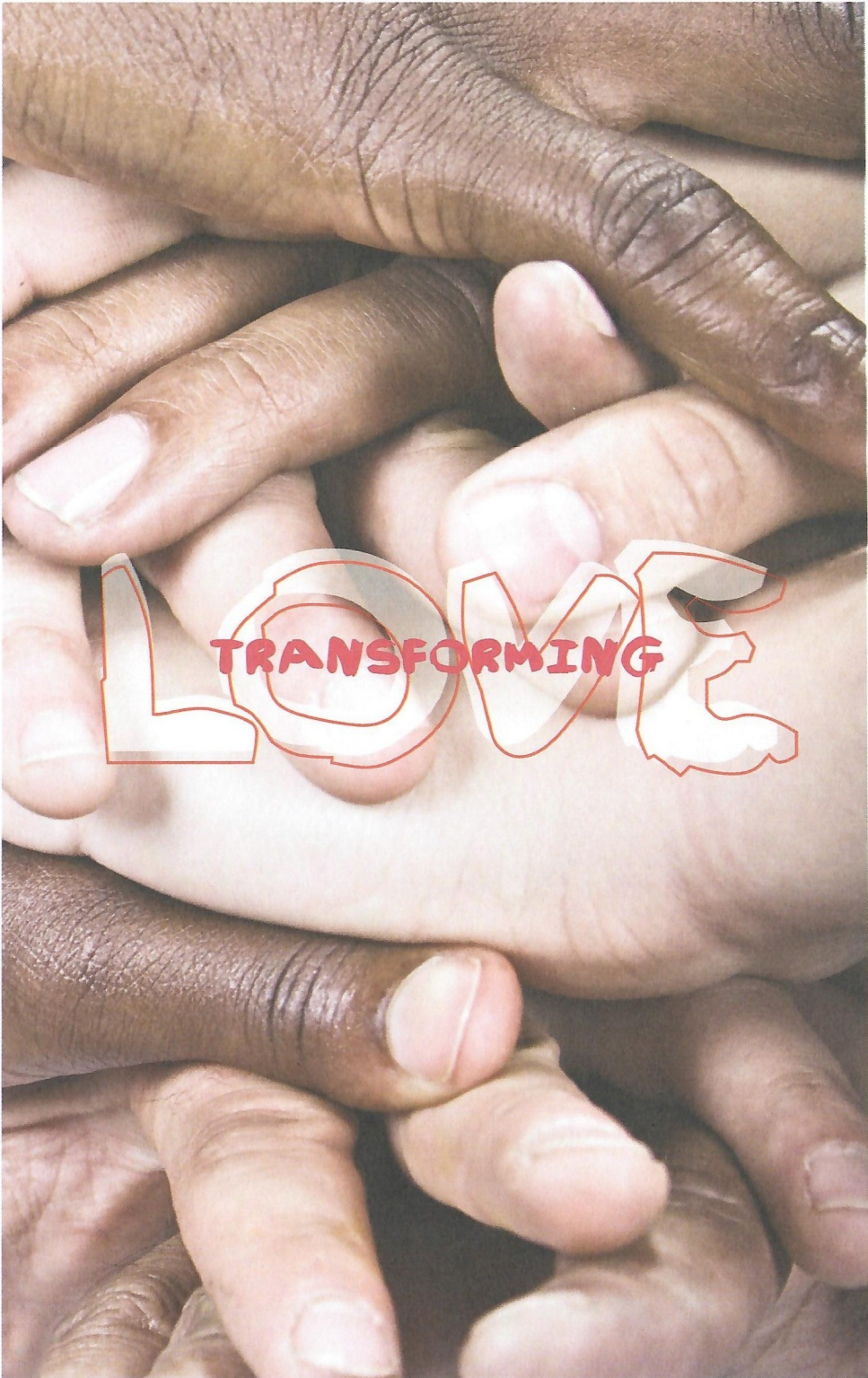




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Trinity United Church of Christ

Deerfield, Illinois

Reformation/All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

With Music

Before the Throne of God Above

With Meditation

LIFEQUAKES

Vikki Cook
Arr Marianne Kim

“G’zhem-mnidoo, this is the season for thoughts of transition, for one day it will be our time to cross-over to be with our ancestors and you. Do you ever wonder why your human creatures are so reluctant to consider their crossing-over? Do you sometimes ponder the acceptance of the nikag (geese) to their journey, and hesitancy of humans to affirm your presence throughout the cycle of life? We come together in the circle of our faith, more pensive in autumn than other Sabbath mornings. Sabbath derives from “peace”, and so perhaps today would be a good time for all of us to make our peace with all others. In our worship may you hear in our words and songs our commitment to be in harmony with your plan for our mortal existence. Chiimiigwech, Amen.”

R. Matthew Stevens, who is Métis, and a First Nations Anishinaabe elder

*Please stand in body or spirit

**INVOKING THE SPIRIT
CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

A Prayer of Martin Luther

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it.**

**I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am
unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me.
Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

**In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.
I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**I am a sinner; you are upright. With me there is an abundance
of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

**Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive,
but to whom I may not give.**

Amen.

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #439

(see insert)

***SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

We share “happenings” in the community and lift up concerns for prayer.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING THE WORD FOR OUR LIVES

Reading from the Prophet

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Sermon

What Happens When the Big One Hits

Rev. Edmonds

Hymn of Response

I Have Decided

(see insert)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE TABLE

(adapted) Maren Tirabassi

Holy God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

We lament their passing,

And honor their legacy.

We give thanks for all we have learned from them.

We learn from their experience.

Those who made progress for peace,

We continue their work.

Those who lived simply and quietly,

We are enlightened by them.

Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

We are humbled by them.

**They have finished their work on earth,
And it lives on,
Reverberating into our lives now
As the work of Christ lives on.**

This day we remember:

*Melaine Baker
George Fischer
Bonnie Haase
Elsbeth Luedi
Fred Wells*

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us
To good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,
As those saints before us were inspired
To live in grace and love.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table as all saints come,
as God's people always do,
with love hope and questions –

Come to the table with your mourning –
old or new or delayed –
Come with your celebration of memories,
and your imagination of possibilities
for times yet to come,
because here you are welcome,
in a weeping, laughing communion of saints,
in a weeping, laughing communion ... of us

**And so now we come,
clothed in our own times of mourning and remembrance,
thankful for our cloud of witnesses to hope –
all the saints we have known,
the saints we will know,
and the saints we are.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord's Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION AS WE REMEMBER AND PARTAKE

For All the Saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Arr Joel Raney

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

**Spirit of Christ, may we, your eager and sometimes awkward saints,
carry in us a Communion from which all can share –
comfort for loss, courage for speaking, compassion for healing.
Go with us where we go, that we may radiate the fullness of your love.
Amen.**

*POSTLUDE HYMN

For All the Saints #299

(see insert)

WELCOME!

We're glad you've chosen to worship with Trinity today. If you're new, please introduce yourself, we'd love to get acquainted. We hope you find this a welcoming community for people of all ages and stages of life.

If you have any questions about the church, feel free to ask Pastor Dale!

JOIN US FOR FALL FEST

After Worship – Follow the sound of the music to Woodvale Hall.
Welcome again to The Happy Wanderers, “A German Band Who Likes to Have Fun.” Thanks to Todd Kerschke for the meat and everyone else who contributed to our meal. If you're hungry - there will be plenty!
Come On Down!

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Transforming Love

There's a church school song sung throughout the generations teaching children about Zacchaeus, "a wee little man" who wanted to see Jesus amid the crowds towering over him that he climbed a tree to catch a glimpse.

As the song goes, while in the tree, Jesus spots the tax collector and shouts, "Zacchaeus, you come down. For I'm going to your house today."

And Jesus did just that. He dined with Zacchaeus. It was a transformative meal because Zacchaeus, honored to host such a great guest, opened his heart — and coin bag — and vowed to share his wealth with others.

While Jesus was pleased, others were not.

We have all been where Zacchaeus was. No, not precariously straddling tree limbs to see Jesus. We have been in the place where others might not think we deserve redemption, forgiveness, or even that holy second chance.

Why is it that we often begrudge others of God's grace?

While I can't think of who might not have been happy with my second chances in life, I can vividly remember the times I have been in the crowd wondering why the Lord noticed someone like Zacchaeus.

Did my eyes roll with the others? Did I join in the disparaging whispers? I should have been rejoicing that if Zacchaeus could change, so could I. For the Lord sees me — and you.

That day, Jesus saw into the heart of Zacchaeus when others couldn't. He knew this "wee little man" wanted to grow spiritually, as witnessed in the tree he scurried into — a sycamore.

In Israel, the sycamore tree symbolizes spiritual elevation. It represents the willingness to change. Zacchaeus was willing to change that day.

What about us? How badly do we want to see the Lord? Would we be willing to climb the branches of change, hoist ourselves up on the limbs of spiritual elevation, and feel the bark of renewal?

The good news is we don't have to find a tree to climb. Jesus has already spotted us, and he knows the goodness that is in our hearts.

God of grace and mercy, how reassuring it is to know that we are never lost in the crowd. You see our hearts and know our struggles. You never withhold your healing love. And for that, we thank you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

439

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

For another version, see 440

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Anonymous

Indian folk tune

Arranged by Whitney V. Myers

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and guitar. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with some lines split across systems. The first system (measures 1-5) has chords D, Dmaj7, D7, D, D7, and D. The second system (measures 6-10) has chords G, Em, G, and D. The third system (measures 11-15) has chords D, D7/C, B7, D/E, and E7. The fourth system (measures 16-20) has chords D, Gmaj7, A7, D, G, Gm, and D. The lyrics include four verses of the hymn. The score includes performance instructions for guitar and specific vocal parts.

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go -
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

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(guitar: tacet)
no turn - ing
(sop. only)

back, no turn - ing back. no turn - ing back, no - turn - ing back.
(alto, ten., bass)

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives entwined.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Prayer Concerns

Joyce Black, friend of Marge Magnani

Prayers for wisdom and trust for father and son Manuel Lomeli and Alex Lomeli, each of whom is dealing with serious heart health issues

Prayers of celebration for Peter & Barbie Reynolds, friends of Lucy Dorenfeld who were released by the Taliban in Afghanistan and are now living in England

Barbara Struthers on the peaceful passing of her beloved dog, Sheba

Jim Litchfield in his extended recovery from back surgery

David Bunce and Steve Schoonmaker, two friends of Lucy Dorenfeld who are both struggling with cancer

Dorothy Collins

Carol Wells in her season of grief

The Family of Adrienne Mazura, friend of Lucy, who succumbed to breast cancer

Bill and Roseann Stenzel

Sarah Hughes as she recovers

Levi Chisholm, continuing slow & steady recovery from drowning accident

Don Inman

Mary Ferrante

Skip Hahn

Nancy Rose, Barbara Struthers' sister

Irene Santos and Family on the sudden passing of her brother

Carmen Ruiz & Fernando Rodriguez, Barbara Struthers' daughter-in-law's parents in Puerto Rico

The People of Ukraine and Leaders of all nations

For youth who feel alienated or without hope

For all whose lives are torn by disasters of human making

For those suffering devastation in the Middle East

***Please let Heather know when there should be changes to the prayer list. We don't want to remove anyone prematurely or omit anyone that should be held in all of our hearts.**