

OFFERTORY “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Mark Wimmer

DOXOLOGY **

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison) **

God of Infinite Light, In the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God’s Realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across this world.

COMMUNION HYMN ** “Here At Your Table Lord”

COMMUNION

Invitation
Partaking of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

GO AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ** “A Parting Hymn We Sing”

BENEDICTION **

May the Spirit of Strength sustain us on our journeys.
May the Christ of Grace fill our hearts with understanding.
May the God of Presence lead us from the depths of shadows into the light.
May we know we are never alone in treetops, in corners, or on roads. The steadfast love of God travels with us wherever we go!

“ALLELUIA”

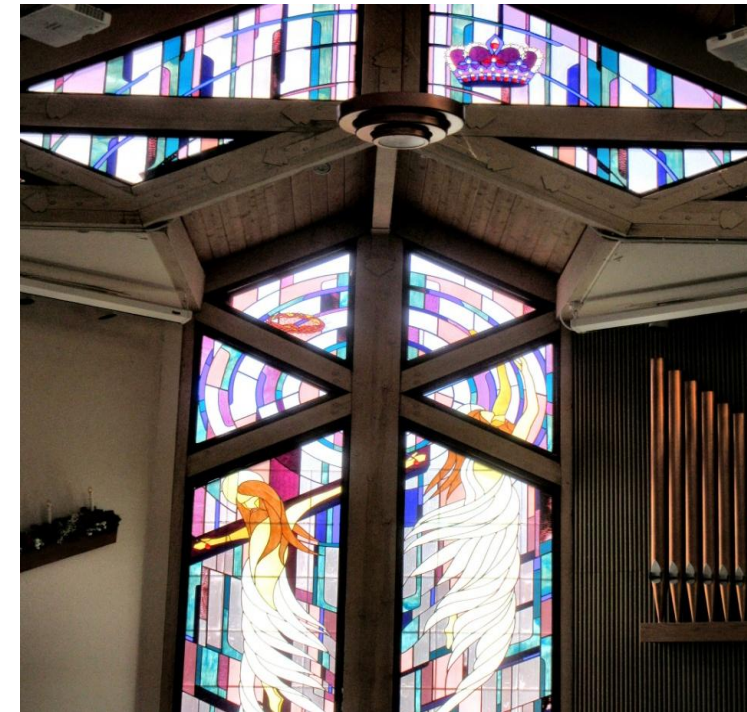
SERMON THEME

We don’t need to climb a tree to find Jesus. Jesus will find us.

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

November 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Holgie Choi



TRINITY BELL & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME AND PASSING OF PEACE

*“Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

CALL TO WORSHIP **

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One: I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

All: And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.

One: I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

All: And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.

One: I refused to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine Presence.

All: And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.

SONGS OF PRAISE **

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”
“As We Gather”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

Beth Zeldes

Christ who abides as our Holy Guest, We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. And yet, you are hanging with folks who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes. You seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered and whose lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect noticing you as you like to dwell with the ones who abide in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees. May we seek you in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted by earthly glamour.

SACRED SILENCE

Rev. Holgie Choi

**** Please stand if you are able**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Beth Zeldes

As God’s own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

RECOGNIZING OUR SAINTS: Marilyn Dannenberg, Lorraine Boyce, Dorothy Hall, Ike Choi, Suzi Schutzman, Jim Talley

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 119:137-144
Luke 19:1-10

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MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC “For All the Saints”

SERMON

Do We Have To Climb Up a Tree?

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith Adapted by Robert V Moss (2nd section)
In Jesus Christ, the man on Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,

**God has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

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As we are invited into the story of Jesus the Christ, we are transformed by the magnificent Divine love. Like Zacchaeus, we discover how we are to share our gifts of treasures, time, and talents. We are given holy opportunities of hospitality to invite the Christ into our spaces. May we celebrate our transformation by the gifts we share this week.