

**Congregational Church
of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ**
*November 03, 2024
All Saints' Sunday*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Amy Cann

*Call to Worship ✧

**All: With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the feet of the saints
who walked this path long before me
who pointed out this path to me
who cleared the path with me.**

*Left Side: With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the wisdom of the saints
who shared their vision of God's ways
who lived faithfully by God's ways
who loved God all the way.*

Right Side: With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the cloaks of the saints
that sheltered my weary soul from the dust
that marked my life for a new adventure
that gave me some flair for the dance.

**All: With thanksgiving on our tongues,
let us now sing praise for the voices of the saints
who named God within us
who evoked God from us**

who gave God to us.

Lighting of Memorial Candles

Hymn No. 299

“For All the Saints”

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*You were their rock, their refuge and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
‘mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light,*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Litany of Confession (seated)

Iona Abbey Worship Book

L: Holy God, Maker of all

All: Have mercy on us.

L: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

A: Have mercy on us.

L: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,

A: Have mercy on us.

L: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

...silence...

L: Before God, and with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

A: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

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Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and sisters, I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hear the good news: we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God

*Gloria No. 756 *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Scripture Readings 1 Kings 17: 1-24

 Luke 4: 24-26

(On this festive day, we shall let the story speak for itself, and let the candles and holy communion preach to us.)

*Hymn No. 251 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *Pilgrim*
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! ... Amen.

Prayers of the People

One: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Silence

Pastoral prayer

The Lord's prayer (*unison*)

Our (Father/Mother/Creator), 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. Lead us

not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

Rich Talbot

Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Choir Anthem *“Sweet Brother Weed”*

Celebration of Holy Communion

We celebrate an open table. When the moment to receive communion comes, all are welcome to come forward and share in the meal. If you are unable to walk forward but would like to participate, it will be brought to you. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to remain seated in quiet meditation.

*Hymn No. 298 *“O Savior, for the Saints”*

*O Savior, for the saints who strove in you to live,
who followed you without complaint, our grateful hymn receive.*

*O Savior, for the saints who strove in you to die,
who loved and served without restraint, accept our thankful cry.*

*They all in life and death, with you, O Christ, in view,
learned from the Holy Spirit’s breath to suffer and to do.*

*For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we, like them, in holiness my live and die in you.*

*Benediction

Postlude

Amy Cann

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** indicates that all who are able shall stand*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments downstairs
following the worship service.*

Church and Community Notes

✠Our pastor, Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno, welcomes visits and calls, and is also happy to visit YOU in your home, workplace, hospital room or wherever. She sets Thursday afternoons aside for church work for sure, spending that time either in the church office or visiting with parishioners; in addition, she is available at other times by appointment. *In the lead-up to early January, she will be setting aside extra time for pastoral care visits, so don't hesitate to ask for an appointment!* Susie can be reached at the church at 802-387-1175 if it's not an emergency, but the fastest ways to reach her are via cell

(802-579-8356) or email (susiewt@gmail.com). She reserves Mondays as her Sabbath day, holding that day aside as non-working time.

✱We're missing Fred (pesky flu!), and are so grateful that **Amy Cann** could step up to help us this morning, with next to no notice! Her service music will include "the fierce wild beast song" (aka "I Sing a Song of the Saints"...by Lesbia Scott) and what she calls "the OTHER Saints anthem" by Ralph Von Williams ("Let Us Now Praise Famous Men").

✱Upcoming Events

Nov. 10: Sharon Easterling, preacher; Eric Robinson, musician.

Nov. 17: Charlotte Gifford, preacher; Fred Gray, musician.

Nov. 24: *Stewardship Sunday / Thanksgiving Sunday* Susie preaching

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Worship Participants:

Musician: Amy Cann Trustees: Guy Payne, chair

Deacon: David Mulholland Tech: Charlotte Gifford

Minister to the Congregation: Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

For Those Who Walked With Us

by Jan Richardson

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.