

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Today's Focus:** Songs of praise, anointing and confession are all spiritual disciplines that James asks of the righteous, making their prayers powerful and effective.

**PRELUDE** — Anneke Toomey

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #711 “For All the Saints” (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

**REFRAIN:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. **REFRAIN**

3. O may they soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. **REFRAIN**

4. O Blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. **REFRAIN**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Megan Vinson

One: God is on our side!

**Many: Come and rejoice.**

One: Are you suffering?

**Many: Come and find peace.**

One: Are you joyful?

**Many: Come and sing.**

One: Do you need healing?

**Many: Come and pray.**

One: God is on our side!

**All: Let all who love the Lord come and rejoice!**

**OPENING PRAYER — Lin**

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Lin**

**SCRIPTURE:** James 5:13-16 — Megan Vinson

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

**MESSAGE**

“The Powerful and Effective Prayer”

Rev. Lin Cheek

Subject:

James says the answer to most things includes prayer.

Theme:

STEWARDSHIP. Prayer and forgiveness are yoked together by James.

Today’s Focus:

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**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

UMH #496

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls us from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In season of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
And gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I’ll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

**A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY — Lin**

**HONORING ALL SAINTS IN PRAYER — Lin**

One: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

**Many: Death has no dominion over them.**

One: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

**All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Let us be in an attitude of prayer ... in his name we pray as he taught us to pray, saying:

**All: 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey**

**DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Lin**

**All: God of all good gifts, in this, our season to focus on stewardship, guide our dedication, our giving, our service, and our witness, that we may be known by the world as beloved children of God, baptized by the Holy Spirit and redeemed by the love of Jesus Christ. We humbly ask that you bless these gifts to your purpose and accept them as the gifts of love they truly are. We pray in the name of the Lord of Love. Amen!**

**COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Lin: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Lin: Let us be in an attitude of prayer: O Holy One, ... Renew our kinship in him, that we may be for the world his love poured out for the world.

**All: Through the love of Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, now and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Lin**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Lin**

**All: Loving God who hears all prayer, may this feast we have shared in the name of your son Jesus inspire us to a renewed relationship with you. May we remember to pray without ceasing, to pray for our enemies, to pray when we are suffering and when we are cheerful, and to pray for those who are sick. Enlarge our circle, Lord, so that we find within it the margin of Grace where you reside, and where we might authentically love others. It is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: UMH #436 “The Voice of God is Calling”**

1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;  
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:  
“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?
  
2. “I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;  
No field or mart is silent, no city street is still.  
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.  
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”
  
3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!  
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.  
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;  
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.
  
4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;  
Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;  
Take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.  
Speak, and behold! We answer; command, and we obey!

**BENEDICTION — Lin**

**POSTLUDE — Anneke**

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke  
Song Leader— Shelly Anderson  
Liturgist — Megan Vinson

Accomp.—Anneke  
Special Music — N/A  
Children’s Message— Lin

Offertory—Anneke  
Organ — Betsy?  
Violin — Rae Ann