

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 3, 2024

All Saints' Day

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors.*

**PEOPLE: We welcome the King of Glory to come in.**

*Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors.*

**PEOPLE: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

*Leader: The King of Glory has come. Let us worship!*

\*OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints*

# 711

UNISON PRAYER God of new beginnings, you are the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Gather us in, we pray, that we may remember the ties that bind us together in your love. Write your law upon our hearts, that others may find us to be kind and generous, like those saints gone before us. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live in love – a love that transforms our lives even as we seek to transform the lives of others in your holy name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 146

# 858

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Helper God, as we walk with you on this journey of life and faith, be the hope that overcomes our despair; be the love that overcomes our hatred; be the mercy that overcomes our sin. Set us free, we pray, from the prisons of our own making, and release us from the bonds that bind us. Help us to look upon others with the love that you offer to us and welcome us home into the loving arms of your mercy. In Christ's name, we pray.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Leader: You are not far from the Kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness.*

**PEOPLE: In Christ we are loved and forgiven. Praise God for this marvelous gift.**

*Hearing God's Word*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ruth 1.1-18

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CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 9.11-14

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GOSPEL READING Mark 12.28-34

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SERMON *Much More Important*

\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

# 384

*Responding To God's Word*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer  
The Remembrance of our Saints  
Prayer for All Saints' Day # 713  
The Lord's Prayer # 895  
Choral Prayer Response

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory  
\*Doxology # 95  
\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God* # 712

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit abide with you.*

PEOPLE: Glory be to our God who leads us forth as disciples to transform the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

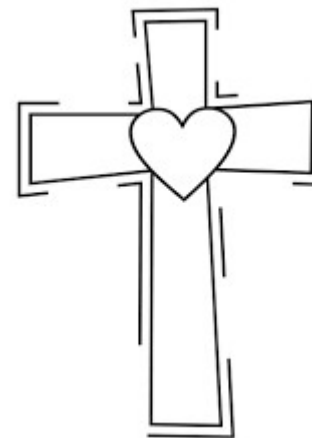
\*SUNG BENEDICTION *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (vs 1) # 664

\*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Bud Cherry, Lay Reader  
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

*Boldly Caring for our  
Community*



*Grounded in God's Love*

Lisbon United Methodist Church  
welcomes, nurtures, and serves  
all people  
with the love of Christ.