

Mason First United Methodist Church

Gathers to Worship God

November 1, 2020 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Ruben Droscha

WELCOME Dennis Howe
Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us today!

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We have come to affirm our historic faith.
We have come to worship the God of our mothers and fathers.
We have come to acknowledge God's blessings on us, the living;
To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.
We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures;
To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Let us worship and praise our God.

*HYMN *For All the Saints*
**For all the saints, who from their labor rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!**
**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.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**
**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!**
**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

GENEROSITY MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11 (excerpts)
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Blessed to Be a Blessing* Rev. Suzanne Goodwin

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN *Rejoice in God's Saints*

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
Our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
What patience in caring, what courage is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true;
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WE REMEMBER TODAY

Dale Ruttan	October 28, 2019
Douglas Strait	November 8, 2019
Suzie Hedglen	November 16, 2019
Dottie Underhill	December 27, 2019
Phyllis Lock	January 22, 2020
Joe Bement	February 17, 2020
Mary (Emens) Wilson	March 28, 2020
Sharon Workman	June 24, 2020
Gayle Gunns	August 12, 2020
John E. Castle	September 30, 2020
David E. Aldrich	October 4, 2020
Tom Weber	October 27, 2020

OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS WE REMEMBER TODAY

Forest Dale Kuenzli, uncle of Suzanne Goodwin	January 20, 2020
Annette Hudgins, mother of Jim Hudgins	January 30, 2020
John Arthur Kuenzli, father of Suzanne Goodwin	February 25, 2020
James Hudgins, father of Jim Hudgins	October 16, 2020

Altar Flowers are placed by Roger Whiting
in loving memory of Lou Ann Whiting

Our Book of Abiding Memorials turns to the names
George M. Parmelee, William F. Dart, and Ruth E. Dart

SERVICE NOTES

We wish to thank each and every one sharing their gift of talent and service in today's worship.
Liturgist: Dennis Howe
Ushers: Glenn and Deb Darling, David and Peggy Gunns,
Jeff and Marilyn Lautzenheiser
Camera Technician: Jim Goodwin
Slide Technician: Elaine Ferris
Sound Technician: Russ Whipple

NURSERY

An Infant and Toddler Nursery is located on the church's sanctuary level for children from infants through age three. Nursery care is available upon request for the youngest members of our community — simply ask an usher.

MASON FIRST PRAYER CONCERNS – KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Ina Lyon, who is home recuperating after a hospital stay.
- Diana Baker, who had foot surgery this week and is home, healing.
- Ken LoVette who is gravely ill, residing at Green Acres.
- Ken Guettler who continues dealing with serious health issues.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Mason First United Methodist Church has an active prayer ministry. If you have an urgent concern (surgery, accident, etc.), you can ask our Crisis Prayer Team to lift your need in prayer. Call Joyce Darling (676-4808) or Ina Lyon (676-1268) any time of the day or night, any day of the week. They will alert the rest of the prayer team. Details of your concern are not necessary; all requests are treated confidentially.

OPPORTUNITIES AT MASON FIRST:

FAITH CHAT (VIA ZOOM) – TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM OR 7:00PM

Email Pastor Suzanne at revsuzanne@masonfirst.org for more info.

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES -- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 8:00PM

**Please Note: the date was incorrectly listed in the newsletter reminder.*

COVID protocols will be in place to protect singers, with practice taking place in the social hall. See the newsletter for more details.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:30PM

We will meet in the Chapel, located on the other side of the social hall from the office wing. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Suzanne or call the office.

DINNER IN THE PARK – NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

See Mike Buckner for details on how you can help with this mission!

LIVING NATIVITY -- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 FROM 5:30-8:30PM

To sign up to be a Living Nativity volunteer,

- Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
- Go to "Search for a sign up"
- By "sign up creator's email" type in revsuzanne@masonfirst.org
- Check the box "I'm not a robot"
- Click on "Search"

We appreciate your diligence as we all continue to deal with the COVID situation. Social distancing and wearing masks remain important parts of the safety protocols we have in place to protect one another.

THIS WEEK AT MASON FIRST:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 10:00am Faith Chat via ZOOM
- 6:30-8:00pm Disciple Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00am Faith Chat via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 9:00am UMW Leadership Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Handbell Choir in the One Room Sunday School
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 6:30pm New Member Class in the Chapel

THE TINY PANTRY

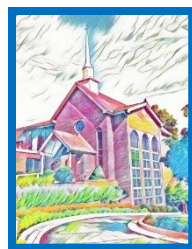
is being utilized daily by our neighbors in need.

Suggested items you could donate:

- Applesauce
- Canned Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Crackers
- Fruit (Canned or Dried)
- Granola Bars
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Meals in a Box
- Nuts
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Powdered Milk
- Soup, Stew and Chili
- Whole Grain Cereal



If you prefer to donate money so a representative from the church can shop instead, just write "Tiny Pantry" on your offering envelope and include it with your offering.



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Sunday, November 1, 2020

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Suzanne Goodwin, Pastor

Ruben Droscha, Director of Music

Chris Bement, Children's Choir Director