

PRELUDE *CWM Rhondda* Welsh  
*Vision Quest* arr. Paul Curnow  
*All Hail the Power* arr. Timothy Johnson  
 Charles Goodwin, James Boratko, trumpets  
 Lisa Abel, horn, Bob Ball, trombone

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Glen MacLeod and Harold Steever

†CALL TO WORSHIP Doey Barnett

One: We come as we are, that we may be changed by God's grace.

**All: We come with our emptiness, that we may be filled.**

One: We come with our weakness, that we may find strength.

**All: We come with our brokenness, that we may be made whole.**

One: We come despite darkness, seeking God's light.

**All: We come with hearts and minds prepared to worship our God!**

†HYMN 408 [Come, Share the Lord](#) DIVERNON

†OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we seek your favor as we try to faithfully figure out the relationships in our lives. Some people have come to assist us through difficulty, or to provide guidance and support. Some people have come to offer goodwill or to make us laugh, if only for a little while. Some relationships teach us lessons over a long period of time. Help us to recognize when to walk away, when to let go with love, and when to cling closely. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Ruth 1:1-18](#) (OT p. 299)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE (HYMN 526) O WALY WALY

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
 Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

SERMON *A Reason. A Season. A Lifetime.* Rev. Fredd

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

NAMING THE DEPARTED SAINTS OF FIRST CHURCH

Glenna Burnett Barbara Lewis Dorothy Macdonald-Allen

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Ancient of Days, we thank you for the legacy and lives of those who have gone before us in the past year. We thank you, too, for the faithful people of the past who gave voice and life to our best aspirations. May we follow and not forget the wisdom they imparted and the love they have left. Grant that we may always honor them by furthering their highest hopes. Amen.**

HYMN 485 [Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race](#) TALLIS' CANON

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Agnus Dei, from the Requiem* Gabriel Fauré  
 The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
 Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, you bless us abundantly, especially when we break bread together. May our offerings feed the bodies and souls of those who know only hunger and want. Bless our gifts into your holy service, that all may come to know the power of your presence and the wonder of your love. Amen.**

†HYMN 566

[Be Still, My Soul](#)

FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

The First Church Brass Quartet

POSTLUDE

*Alle Menschen müssen sterben*  
(*"All Men Living Are but Mortal"*)

Johann Pachelbel



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**All Saints Sunday**

November 3, 2024  
10 o'clock

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*Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor*  
*Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts*  
*Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation*

† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!*