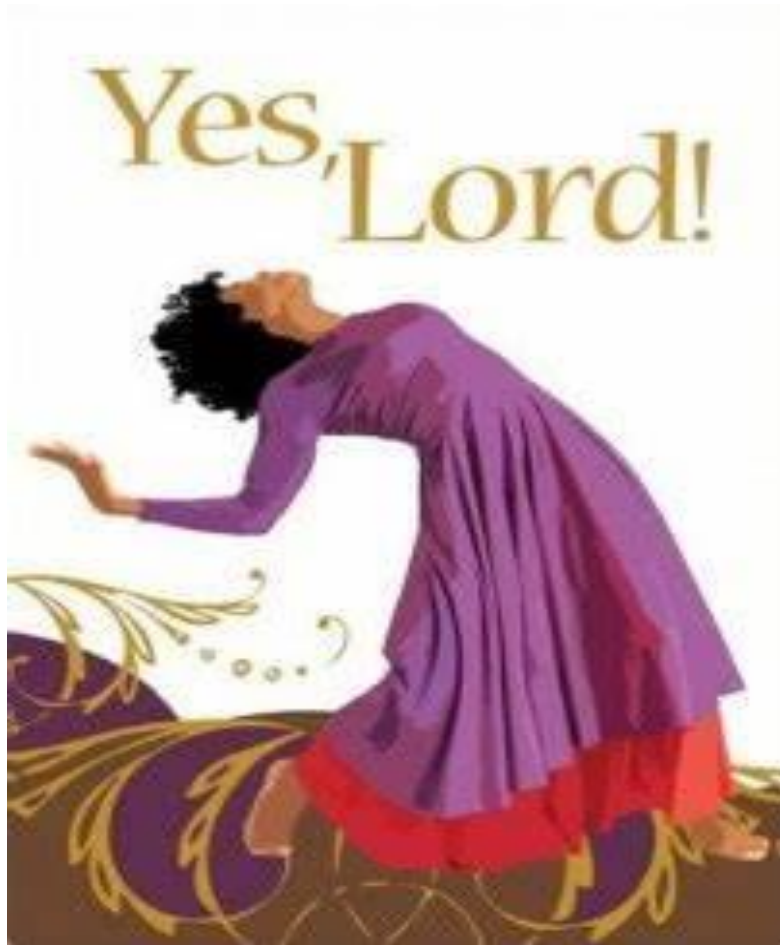


PRAYER SERVICE

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m.



**Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension
Northwoods, MO**

"ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP"

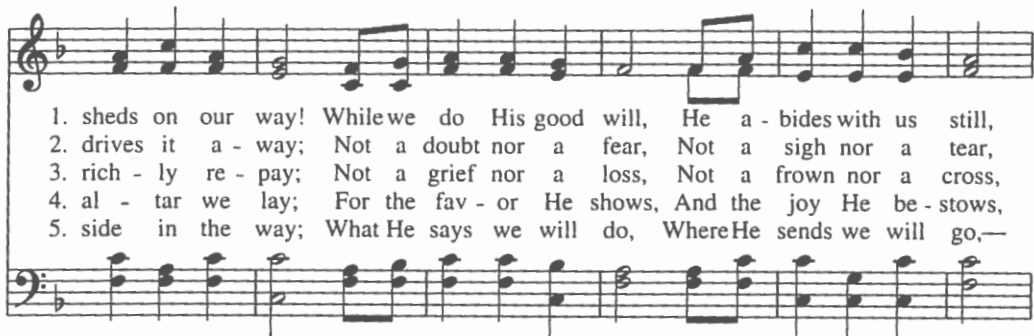
OPENING HYMN "Trust and Obey"

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Trust and Obey



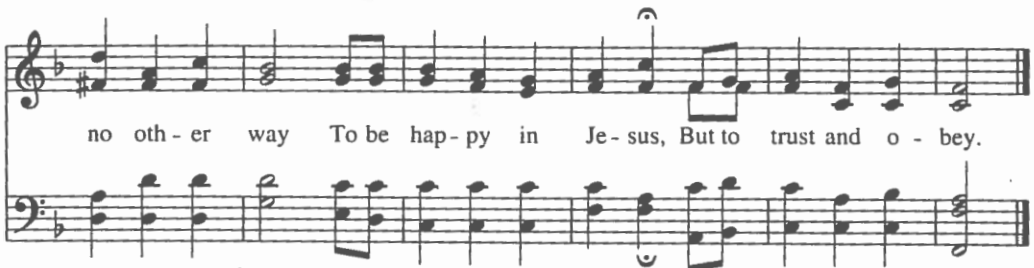
1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove The de-lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. When in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



1. sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
2. drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
3. rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
4. al - tar we lay; For the fav - or He shows, And the joy He be - stows,
5. side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—



1. And with all who will trust and o - bey.
2. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
3. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
4. Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
5. Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

Words: J. H. Sammis
Music: D. B. Towner

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE: GLORIA (spoken)

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord, God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us:
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Celebrant God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

A Reading from the Book of Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

["Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?”]

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
 Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b** *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

***O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.***

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *

and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *

***you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.***

4 You make the winds your messengers *

and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *

so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *

the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *

to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *

they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
37b *Hallelujah!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN *“God is So Good”*

♪ **GOD IS SO GOOD** ♪
(Traditional Negro Spiritual)

God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me.

He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He's so good to me.

He's all I need,
He's all I need,
He's all I need,
He's so good to me.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to

become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

THE NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

The Worship Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Deon our Bishop. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the Deaconess Anne House, and Michaelene, their director. We pray for Renee, our Rector, and Jamal, our Assisting Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those of others especially:

The Rev. E. Henry Adams	Cleo Anderson	Joey Beeker
Rose Marie Bell	Chazetta Bland	V. Lester Bond
Harold Briggs	Juanita Carroll	Lorenzo Carter
Bessie Clemmons	Stephanie Curry-Edward	
Keyanna Dorsey and Family	Aubrey Escoffery	Carman Gayden
Antonio Graves	Suzanne Harris	John & Sharon Jackson
Doug Jones	Mary K. Jones	Ruby Mathews
Joe & Willa McClain	Diana Oliver	Helen Owens
Arvel Parker	Ezell Roberts	Marion Robinson
Florence Ross	Larry Sample	Sallie Simmons
Gerri Sleydin	Rodney Weade	Douglas Williams
Larry Williams		

For all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Sr. Airman Matthew Heeter- United States Air Force
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve

A Prayer in This Time of Pandemic

Loving God, your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice masking and social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon. **Amen.**

- Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, O God;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Eternal One, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Rickie Bradley, Rev. Renee's cousin, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Pause

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present, O Jesus, as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again face-to-face. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those whom we love or those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and may the Divine Mystery that is beyond our ability to know be your companion along the way. And may the blessing of God Almighty,

the grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Jamal Scarlett

Worship Leader

Valerie Patton

Reader

Dawn Johnson

Minister of Music

Rick Earley

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Michael Griffin,

Clerk



CALENDAR EVENTS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

OUT OF OFFICE

Karen will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, October 20th and will return by Monday, November 7th.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 7th. A special tribute will be made for those who have passed on since November 2020. If you would like to include names of your family or friends who have passed since last year, please submit their names to the Administrative Assistant by Monday, October 18th via email, allsaintsadminasst@sbcglobal.net, or leave a message at 314-367-2314.

182nd MEETING OF THE CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

The 182nd meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will be held November 18-20, 2021. Lay and clergy members from all areas of our diocese are encouraged to participate in diocesan committees. The positions that will be elected are:

- Standing Committee: 1 clergy and 2 lay members for 4-year terms
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members for 3-year terms
- Disciplinary Board: 1 clergy member for 3-year term

NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY INTERFAITH PEACE PICNIC

The Pallottine Renewal Center is hosting an outdoor Interfaith Peace Picnic on their grounds, 15270 Old Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63034, 12:00 p.m. to **4:00 p.m. today**. This will be the first of its kind in North St. Louis County. After a year of unrest, isolation and division, the goal is to create a peaceful circle of space open to all, gathering people of many faiths. The afternoon will offer the opportunity to embrace our differences and our similarities through information tables, entertainment, food and fellowship for adults and children. All are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA MABRY

We congratulate our very own, Laura Mabry, who was voted to serve on the Diocese of Missouri ECW Board. Congratulations, Laura!

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