

Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian USA)
Order for Worship ~ All Saints' Sunday ~ 2 November 2025

Preparation for Worship:

"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you."
~ Isaac of Nineveh

Prelude

Ubi Caritas

Charles Callahan

Introit

May I Be Empty

Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Litany for All Saints:

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation, he was born of Mary; who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world; who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us victory over death; who ascended on high and intercedes for us.

Great is your love.

For the gift of your Holy Spirit. For the one holy church. For the cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

For all holy women and men, our mothers and fathers in faith. For the noble band of the prophets. For the glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed army of martyrs. For the cherubim and seraphim, and all holy angels.

Thanks be to God.

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

Prayer of Adoration:

Mighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn 326**

For All the Saints

*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. 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. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5 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!*

Call to Prayer

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Together let us say:

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is

just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

*The Gloria: Hymn 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest. Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Children pre-K thru fourth grade are invited to meet in the narthex for Sunday school.

Prayer of Illumination

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 306

Bless Be the Tie That Binds

Second Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Choral Anthem

From Age to Age the Same

Sermon

"There Is Still a Vision"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Response

Amen

*Affirmation of Faith

"Credo for Christians"

I worship and adore God, source, essence, and aim of all things,
Spirit that enlivens all beings.

I follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself
and shared a way for others to find God in themselves.

He was born through love,

He lived for love,

He suffered for love,

He died for love,

But love never dies.

I submit myself to the leading of the love that is God,
that I may be compassionate toward all beings,
that I may live and serve in community with others,
that I may ask for and offer forgiveness,
that I may praise and enjoy God forever.

Amen.

Offerings and Gifts of Self

Offertory

*The Doxology: Hymn 606, 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

**For a gender-neutral version, see hymn 607.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion is received at the front of the church. Please approach the servers by way of the center aisle, receive the elements, and return to your seat by way of the side aisles. You may also receive communion in your pew. Remain seated, and it will be brought to you. Everyone is invited to receive communion without exception, and anyone is free to abstain.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus: Hymn 565

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of power, God of might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

Remain seated

Communion Music

Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.**
*Or "Mother" or "Parent"

Welcome and Next Steps

Minute for Stewardship

IRL: In Real Life Stewardship Drive

***Closing Hymn 321**

The Church's One Foundation

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Extroit

Postlude

Allegro, Trio Sonata in Bb J.S. Bach
Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.