

Astoria First United Methodist Church  
October 31, 2021

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*All Saints Sunday after Pentecost*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*(\*please stand if you are able)*

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| <b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>                           |   | <b>Kristin Hammond</b>                                   |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; SAFE SANCTUARY MOMENT</b> |   | <b>Mary Frances Gunn and<br/>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b> |
| <b>CENTERING MUSIC</b>                           | <i>“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”</i>  | <b>Kristin Hammond</b>                                   |
| <b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>                          |   | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>                           |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>                          | <i>(If you are able, please stand)</i><br><i>(based on “For All the Saints” FWS #2283)</i>  | <b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>                                 |
| <b>L:</b>  | For all the saints who’ve shown your love and live’d your love  |  |
| <b>A:</b>  | Accept our gratitude, again   |  |
| <b>L:</b>  | As we worship and remember. We offer this and receive blessing:<br>Bless all whose will or name or love   |  |
| <b>A:</b>  | Reflects the grace of heaven above though unacclaimed by earthly powers your life<br>through theirs has hallowed ours.  |  |
| <b>*UNISON OPENING PRAYER</b>                    | <i>(BOW p. 415)</i>   | <b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>                                 |
|  | We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now<br>rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and<br>faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. |  |
| <b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>                             | <i>“Toccatina”</i><br>by Kabalevsky   | <b>Kristin Hammond</b>                                   |
| <b>PSALM 34</b>                                  | <i>(Read responsively)</i>  | <b>UMH #755</b>  |
|  |   | <b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>                                 |

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION** (BOW p. 478)

**Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

*(All offer prayers of confession in silence.)*

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (BOW p. 493) (congregation)

**Mary Frances Gunn**

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (BOW p. 489) (read by the Pastor) **Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD**

**Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Congregation  
UMH#95**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** (all verses)

**Congregation**

***“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”***

**UMH#712**

(We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays)

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| <b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>   | <b>“John 11:32-44”</b>                                       | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>  |
| <b>SERMON</b>  | <b>“So They Took Away the Stone”</b>                         | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>  |
| <b>JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>   |  | <b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>        |
| <b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>   |  | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>  |
| <b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>   |  | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>  |
| <i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) 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, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN</i> |  |                                 |
| <b>HYMN</b>  | <i>(all verses)</i><br><b>“Shall We Gather at the River”</b> | <b>Congregation<br/>UMH#723</b> |
| <i>(We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays)</i>  |  |                                 |
| <b>NAMING THE SAINTS</b>   |  |                                 |
| <b>PRAYER</b>  | <i>(Congregation)</i>  | <b>UMH#713</b>                  |
| <b>CANTICLE OF REMEMBRANCE</b>   | <i>(Read responsively)</i>                                   | <b>UMH#652</b>                  |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>  |  | <b>Jane Hill, D.M. Retired</b>  |

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.  
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.  
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**