



Philippians: A Word About Joy

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Holy Communion and All Saints Sunday

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**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Joy of God, you have called us to your table, and we come to feast.

All: You have gathered us with siblings and strangers and made us into a new community.

Leader: You have created us anew by your grace, and we thank you.

All: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Amen.

HYMN

For All the Saints vs. 1,4, & 6

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OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and mercy, we thank you for the saints who have accompanied us in this life, and gone on into the next. We listen for your Word, that we too may be made loving by your Spirit in us, that we may be your saints for those who follow. We pray in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

MESSAGE JOY!

HYMN OF RESPONSE *I've Got Peace Like A River* *see last page*

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember Those saints who are dear and precious to us Who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

Silence

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

Silence

On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we remember: We are God's children.

What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How hard we make things, O God, how heavy the yoke we place on ourselves through our insecurity and pride, through our fear and unbelief, through our denial and stagnation;

How threatening our world becomes when we make life and joy depend on our own ability.

But, you have invited us to a different life, a deeper joy, you have offered us a lighter yoke if we will just stop for a moment and follow you.

Thank you for your gently urgent whisper, your softly persistent touch, calling us to come, to rest, and to lay down our self-imposed burdens;

With relief and hope we respond to your invitation, gladly taking up your yoke, joyfully lifting your burden, and freely giving ourselves to you in love, in praise and in service.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

Doxology

***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.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Communion Setting *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

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, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **CLOSING HYMN** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fellowship Hour

Please join us after worship for food, fellowship, and fun!

If you or a group of your friends would like to provide snacks,

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

Any Questions see Liz Tible or one of our ushers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS November 5, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 6 - 12

Monday November 6th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday November 7th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday November 8th

Bible Study @12pm in Room 8 BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Grace Café @6:30pm in Room 8 BYO Dinner

Thursday November 9th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday November 10th

Creative Care Ministries @7pm in Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts in the Underground

Sunday November 12th

Worship @ 10am

Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings
at 7am on Facebook.

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.
You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

CREATIVE CARE MINISTRIES

Healing Arts Friday @ 7pm In Fellowship Hall

The words and music in our hymns and songs are by:

For All the Saints. CCLI Song # 90590 Ralph Vaughan Williams | William Walsham How Words:
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Prayer of the People is adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

Prayer of Confession, A Welcome Invitation written by John van de Laar

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A Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 17th at 4:30pm
at UMC in Wayne

New Jersey Choral Society (Lyn S performing):

- December 9th at 7:30
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne
- December 10th at 3:00
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne
- December 12th at 7:30
Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood

The Ridgewood Singers are presenting their winter concert

Sunday December 3 at 2 PM.
At the First Presbyterian Church on
East Ridgewood Ave in Ridgewood.

See Cathy Nalesnik and Anita Dispenziere
for tickets or information about the Ridgewood Singers

GRACE

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I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a riv-er, I've got peace like a

riv-er, I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul.

I've got riv-er in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain ... 3. I've got love like an ocean ...

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
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