



**\*Stand if you are able.**



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**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, November 5th, 2023**

**11:30AM**

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**Luke 20:27-38 (The Voice)**

<sup>27</sup> Another group came to test Him—this time from the Sadducees, a *rival party of the Pharisees*, who believe that there is no resurrection.

Sadducees: <sup>28</sup> Teacher, Moses wrote *in the Hebrew Scriptures* that a man must marry his brother's wife and the new couple should bear children for his brother if his brother dies without heirs. <sup>29</sup> Well, once there were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and then died without fathering children. <sup>30</sup> The second [took her as his wife and then he died childless,] <sup>31</sup> and then the third, and so on through the seven. They all died leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> *Here's our question:* in the resurrection, whose wife will she be, since all seven had her for a while? *Will she be the wife of seven men at once?*

Jesus: <sup>34</sup> The children of this era marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy to attain the resurrection of the dead in the coming era do not marry and are not given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> They are beyond mortality; they are on the level of heavenly messengers; they are children of God and children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> *Since you brought up the issue of resurrection*, even Moses made clear in the passage about the burning bush that the dead are, in fact, raised. After all, he calls the

Lord the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>38</sup> *By Moses' time, they were all dead, but God isn't God of the dead, but of the living. So all live to God.*

**Entering Music** Accompanist

**Welcoming** Pastor Dave

**Preparing** Accompanist

**\*Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather to worship on this All Saints Day, we remember, Ever-Living God, and give thanks for:

**Many Voices: The countless saints of history who tilled the soil of faith.**

Reader: We remember, Ancient of Days, and give thanks for:

**Many Voices: The ancestors who planted seeds of justice.**

Reader: We remember, Fount of Justice, and give thanks for:

**Many Voices: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

Reader: We remember, Gracious God, and give thanks for:

**Many Voices: The supreme love of Jesus and the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

Reader: We remember in every time and place the saints who have shown us the face of God.

**Many Voices: We are surrounded by a great a cloud of witnesses, so let us worship God with joy!**

**\*Singing** "For All the Saints" UMH #711 (v1,2,4,6,1)

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Blessing Our Children** Pastor Dave

**Remembering Our Saints**

**Singing** "Jesus, Remember Me" (x3) UMH #488

Lay Reader: God Who Redeems, we stand before you today just as generations of believers have, and pray for your forgiveness and grace.

**Many Voices: We know we do not always love as you would have us love. Just as you did for our mothers and fathers, and for our ancestors, Beloved God, have mercy on us today.**

Reader: We remember and give thanks for the communities who have shaped us, and who shape us still this day.

**Many Voices: Hold us and comfort us as we mourn the passing of friends, family, and all those we hold dear.**

Reader: Living God, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have shown us your love, and whose witness connected us to this community of faith known as Minooka United Methodist Church. Today we remember and are especially grateful for:

Linda Akerberg  
Joann Malic  
Connie Morris  
Gerald Pubentz  
Darlene Thornton  
Arthur Webb

We also remember and are grateful for all our loved ones who have entered eternal life.

[silent prayer]

Reader: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Therefore we, and all who have come before us, are rightly known as saints—the holy ones of God!

So in thankfulness, we pray as Jesus taught us saying...[Lord's Prayer UMH #894]

**Singing** "Jesus, Remember Me" (x3) UMH #488

**Giving** Pastor Dave

**Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer** Accompanist & Lay Reader

**Many Voices: We seek not so much to be saints, but simply your people, Mother of All. We have been blessed, so we offer these gifts praying that they be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless—all of whom are our neighbors. Amen.**

**Reading Scripture**

Lay Reader

Luke 20:27-38 (The Voice)

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many Voices: Amen.****Proclaiming**

"Who Tells Our Story?"

Pastor Dave

**Singing**

"Come and Fill Our Hearts" (x3)

TFWS #2157

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor Dave: All are welcome to this table, for this is a table of hospitality, of sharing, and of celebration. For all the saints and sages who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts:

**Many Voices: We express our thanks.**

Pastor Dave: For all the saints and sages who live beside us:

**Many Voices: We offer our gratitude.**

Pastor Dave: For all the saints and sages who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them:

**Many Voices: We pledge our courage.**

Pastor Dave: We break bread and pour wine because these are the gifts that strengthen our journey together. We remember and honor the justice imperative that is our biblical heritage:

**Many Voices: That justice is not belief but action, not silence but voice, not tolerance but compassion.**

Pastor Dave: A banquet reminds us of our common humanity and our common need for just relationships. Now, in gratitude for all the ways you love us and save us from ourselves, we join in the song of creation:

**Many Voices: Jesus died; Jesus came alive again; Jesus is coming back.**

Pastor Dave: We remember how all things were made new: On the night before he died, Jesus took the loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends:

**Many Voices: This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Remember me whenever you eat it.**

Pastor Dave: When supper was finished, Jesus took the cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to his friends:

**Many Voices: This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out. Remember me whenever you drink it.**

Pastor Dave: With thanksgiving we eat and drink; With joy we remember, and with Christ's inclusive love we gather together around this table.

**Many Voices: Amen!**[The United Methodist offers Open Communion. That means *all* are welcome at this table. Today we serve by intinction: lightly dip the piece of bread into the cup then eat. Please walk up the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you have mobility issues, we will bring the elements to you. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free.]**\*Singing**

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH #707

**\*Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

**Exiting Music**

Accompanist

## Hymn of Promise

### Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise;  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

### Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

### Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

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# HYMNS

## For All the Saints

### Verse 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!

### Verse 2

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 4

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

### Verse 6

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!

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**Jesus Remember Me (x3)**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Come and Fill Our Hearts (x3)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia.