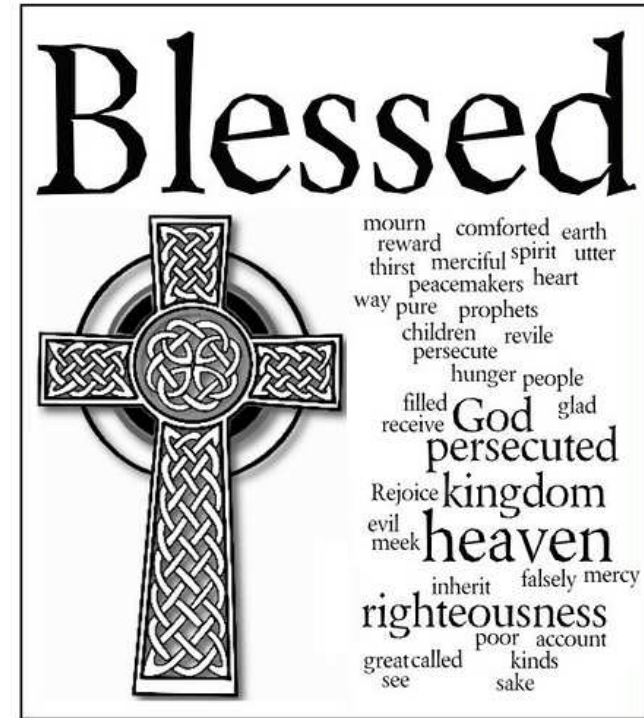




A warm welcome is extended to all.

Especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.



ALL SAINTS DAY

*Welcome to
the
United Methodist Church*

*Your life is your message:
An invitation to celebrate and live what you believe.
Let our worship of God be reflected in lives
of hope and peace.*

Welcome to our Family Worship

the Rev. Jim Knapp

November 2, 2008

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. James 4:8

CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise):

L. Happy are we...

P. when our treasures cannot be quantified.

L. Happy are we...

P. when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

L. Happy are we...

P. when our pain is held in the balm of love.

L. Happy are we...

P. when our delight comes from beyond ourselves. Amen.

***PEOPLE'S PRAYER:** God of faithfulness, we thank you today for the remembrances we have of those who have gone before us to create this house of worship and establish its various ministries of caring. Be with us and give us courage as we walk boldly into the future in the confidence of your presence. Place before us opportunities of service and compassion. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***HYMN:** "For All the Saints" # 546

UNISON READING: Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH"

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS AND TESTIMONIES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CARES CHORUS:

"I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime, I don't know, what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you."
(please sing twice)

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY (please rise)**

***STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

READING: 1 John 3: 1-3

READING: Matthew 5: 1-12

***HYMN** "Open Our Eyes, Lord" # 383

MESSAGE: "BLESSED ARE WE..."

Prayer of Confession: Patient Lord, it is sometimes so easy for us to overlook the many ways in which those who went before us have witnessed to your love. Forgive us, when we get so caught up in our own problems that we do not take time to remember the mighty deeds and loving acts of your beloved people. Help us be truly thankful for all that they have done to make this church a special place where all are welcomed, nurtured, and challenged to serve in your world. Prepare us for bold, creative service in the present for the future. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance: The endless cloud of witnesses has gone before us, leaving us a legacy of hope and discipleship. Learn from those who have shown God's love in all that they have said and done. You have been set on the path of faithful discipleship. Be at peace!

***HYMN** "We're Marching to Zion" # 555

***BLESSING:** Be humble in God's service. Give of your energy and time with humility and honor. Rejoice, for the Lord is with you. Go in peace. AMEN.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (Leader's Choice)

****"Please stand if able.**

