



Madera United Methodist Church



**November 2, 2025
All Saints Sunday**

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

Prelude as Congregation Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

Leader: I saw a great multitude that no one could count,

All: From every nation, tribe, people and language,

Leader: They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

All: They cried out in a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Leader: O when the saints go marching in,

All: Lord, I want to be among that number when the saints go marching in.

Hymn “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” UMH#712

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Time for the Child In Us All

Praise Song "The Goodness of God"

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim Garrison

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, your saints of old heard your word and wrote it down in Scripture. Help your saints today as we read what they wrote, that we may hear what you want to say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12: 1 – 2 Susan Miller

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Heaven's Cheering Section" Pastor Jim Garrison

Hymn "For All the Saints" (Verses 1, 4-6) UMH#711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

**A PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY
AND MEMORIAL OCCASIONS
(From At the Lord's Table. #18)**

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

Blessed are you,
God of creation and of all beginnings,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of apostles and martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

You made us in your image; and though we all have sinned and fallen short of your glory, you
loved the world so much you gave your only Son Jesus Christ, to be our savior.

Through his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, make with us a new covenant, and baptize us with
the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven,
we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,

GOD OF POWER AND 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.

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

On the night he offered himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ's sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that, in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ, be one body in him, and grow into his likeness.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you ... (in our hearts).

May we run with perseverance the race that is set before us, being surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, and to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

Benediction in Song: "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude

Celebrating Christ by Serving All

Announcements

Scouts Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, November 8 from 7:00 to 11:00 am in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from David or Doug.

Mark your calendars to attend the Charge Conference on Saturday November 8 beginning at 9:30 am in the Conference Room and is open to all Church members.

Meetings This Week

11/ 7 Trustees 5:00 pm (CR)

Birthdays This Week

11/ 2 Danyel Bissett
11/ 4 Joyce Martinez
Lauren Garrison
11/ 5 Glen Hunt
Jason Pasma
11/ 7 Jolene Stephenson

Anniversaries This Week

11/ 3 Gordon & Carol Kennedy
11/ 5 George & Rita Wilson