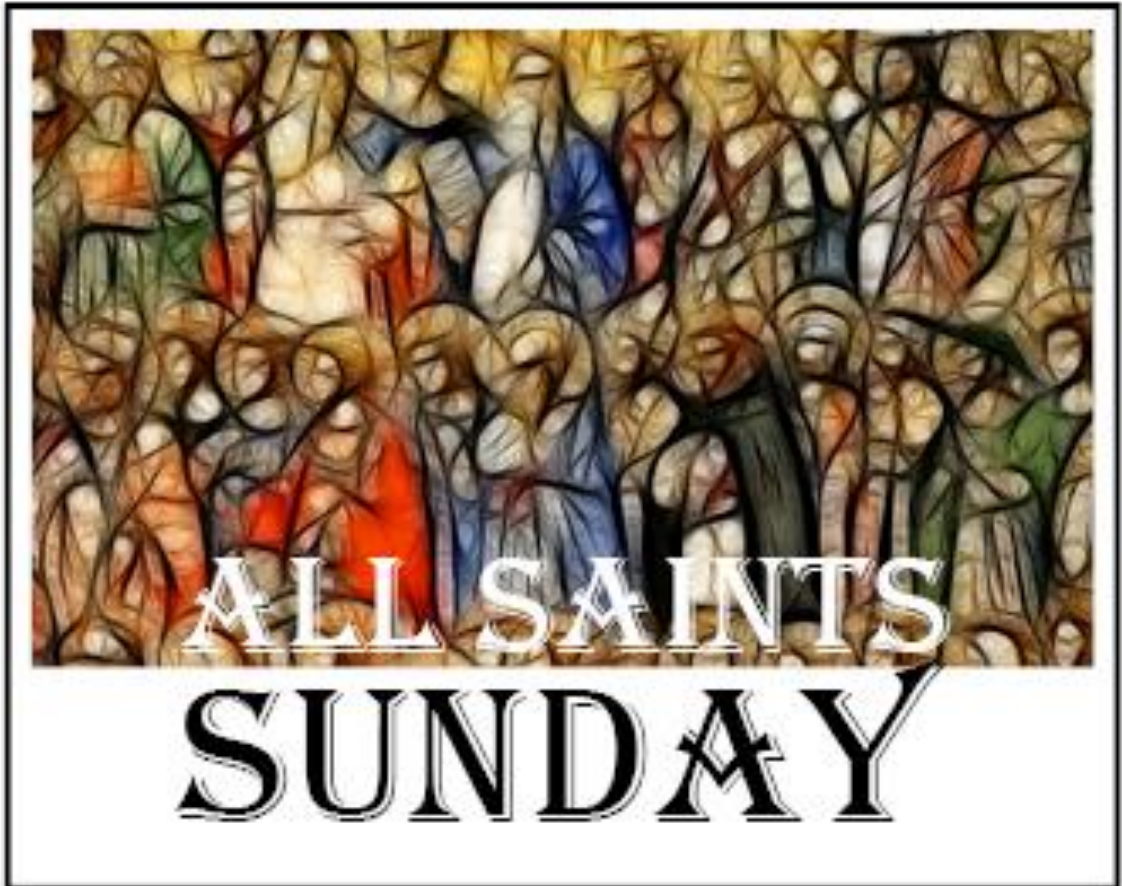


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All Saints Day
Worship & Communion

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We Gather

Prelude "Deep River",
African-American Spiritual, David Kidwell (b. 1968) Jonas Dawson

Intro Video

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship

Grace to you from God
Who was and is and is to come.

Amen.

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead.

The ruler of kings on earth.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Amen.

Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" 299 (v1& 4)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

Second Reading Romans 8: 31-39

Special Music "Unshakeable Kingdom", Jonas Dawson
words and music by Michael W. Smith, Gloria Gaither and William Gaither

Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12

Children's Message

Sermon "Sermon I really need this day!!" Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Stewardship Moment Mark Edwards

Receiving our Stewardship Pledge "We Praise You, O God" NCH # 420 (v 1-2)

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, in life's struggles we win

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: 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.

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion

God of Grace Who Binds The Broken (An Election Hymn)

Dalton Troy Rushing, 2012

PROMISE

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

1. God of grace who binds the bro - ken, Heal us til di - vi - sion ends. In this
2. **Though it seems so ne - ver - end - ing, And de - signed that we ig - nore Your com -**
3. Help us see past this e - lec - tion And re - mem - ber we are yours, For al -

5
sea - son of e - lec - tion, When we're stran - gers more than friends, Be our
mand to greet the strang - er, Heal the sick and feed the poor. Give us
le - giance is much larg - er than a flag or hu - man wars. O, in

9
com - fort, be our heal - er, As we seek to do thy will In our
strength to be your peo - ple And to see the ways you call In our
all things God of wis - dom, grant that we might tru - ly see, the face of

13
pol - i - tics and all things Thy com - mand ment to ful - fill.
lives and, yes, our vot - ing, To show char - i - ty to all.
Christ in ev - ery per - son e - ven when we dis - a - gree.

Singing in Church

Please Note: CDC guidelines state that congregational singing is NOT recommended at this time. We are still including hymns (2 verses) as reflection music. You may read the words, enjoy the tune, be in reflective prayer or even lip sync or hum the tune!

Grace goes LIVE!

Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person. If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.

The children's moment will be on camera as well.

If you would like your child NOT to be on camera, please speak to our AV team or an usher.

(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)



The Church Council of Grace United Church of Christ has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 15, 2020, following worship (in-person and virtually).

The Treasurer and Finance and Property Commission will present the **2021 Proposed Budget** for congregational review. The **2019-2020 Annual Report** will be presented along with proposal to make **“Frederick Gives Back”** an independent 501c(3) *outreach of GRUCC* with a separate board of directors.

According to church by-laws; the Annual Report is available two weeks in advance of Annual Meeting as an electronic document via all church email. There are 25 copies in the narthex for those who are attending in-person service.

Congregational Meeting will be on November 15th after worship as a in-person and virtual meeting. Zoom instructions will be sent out in advance. Boxed lunches will be served. (Please RSVP for lunch.) Donation will be gladly accepted.

Join us as we approve the Budget and officers for 2021!

Your participation is important! Join us!

The Nomination of officers for 2021 is as follows:

President:	Missy Moxley
Vice President:	Jerry Princler
Secretary:	Elizabeth Damazo
Treasurer:	Lloyd Taylor
Administrative:	Sam Swann (2021)
Congregational Life:	Tony Hemler (2022)
Property and Finance:	Doris Moxley (2021)
Mission and Outreach:	Mike Davies (2022)
Worship & Education:	John Brehmer (2022)
At Large:	Carrie Minnick (2022)
At Large:	Karen Kehoe (2021)



Love is a verb. Not simply a feeling or thought. Grounded in God's love for us, we are called to act, to love. 1 John 4:11 puts it this way, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another." We take seemingly small actions to live out God's love. Here's the beautiful thing: together in community, we can change the world.

In 2019, Magnolia United Church of Christ in Seattle, WA, held its inaugural Community in Action Sunday. Determining that 'church in action' was a key to their vitality, instead of holding church worship as on a typical Sunday, they were love in action. Participating in five diverse service projects, the congregants restored habitat at a local park, made blankets for children, helped at their local animal shelter, tended an elder garden at the Native American cultural center, and cleaned up and cleared brush at a homeless encampment.

While average worship attendance runs about 50, that Sunday, over 150 people took part.

Beloved, Love your Neighbor.

*"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.
For, indeed, that's all who ever have." - Margaret Mead*



After participating in their service projects, the congregants gathered. The Reverend Marci Scott-Weis, Magnolia UCC minister, commented on her service: “It was messy, chaotic, oozing in vitality and a whole lot of fun to be the church that morning.” She continued, “one girl said to me, ‘That was so much fun, can we do church every week like this?’”

With such positive responses, Magnolia UCC held its second annual Community in 2020. “It was such an amazing morning seeing folks from our congregation and from our community join together to help our neighbors,” Scott-Weis said. “It was fun, crazy busy, church at its best.”

How can you put your love into action? Who would want to join you in that work? How can you have fun doing it? Love is a verb indeed. Our church can be God’s love through our serving and giving. Can you pledge to take part and live God’s love?

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361



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Good News!!! At the beginning of the month, Gov Larry Hogan announced that Maryland was moving into Phase 3 of the pandemic response. Grace Council decided to wait a few weeks and see if there was a rise in numbers after Labor Day. Well, it seems stable at the moment, so beginning September 27th, we opened for in-person worship. Covid precautions are still in place, but please do join us as you feel comfortable. Live Streaming is NOT going away. You will be able to worship via our youtube channel from now on. (But we still want to see your pretty little face - as grandma used to say!)

What to expect when you return to worship in person?

CDC guidelines will be followed:

- 1. There will be a welcome table in the narthex. Your temperature will be taken, there will be hand sanitizer and masks available as well. Masks are required. If you don't have one, we will happily give you one!*
- 2. Prayers will NOT be spoken aloud during worship. We cant use a common mic and passing prayer cards is not advised. There will be a prayer list in the narthex. If you have a prayer need either text it to the prayer number on the screen or add it to the comments on YouTube. You may also write your prayers on the prayer sheet in the narthex before worship each week. There are 2 baskets of pens: please take a fresh pen from the basket and put it in the USED PENS basket when you are finished. Pens are sanitized after worship.*
- 3. Seats will be socially distanced. Families may of course sit together.)Just don't sit in the pews that are taped off and you'll be fine. It'll be obvious.)*
- 4. Passing of the peace will not be physical; Instead, give a smile, a nod, a respectful bow of the head or an exuberant wave.*
- 5. Hymns will NOT be sung by the congregation. A cantor will sing the hymns so we can enjoy the words. If you'd like to participate, please mouth the words or hum along!*
- 6. Ushers will be releasing people row by row as worship ends. Please just leave the building without congregating together. We need to minimize in person contact. Pastor Rob will NOT be at the door greeting people.*
- 7. The bathrooms and building are sanitized prior to each service. There are hand sanitizer stations outside the bathrooms. Rubber gloves are there as well if anyone prefers to use those to touch the faucets, etc...
 - a. Trashcans are outside the bathroom so people can use a paper towel to flush or close the door and then dispose of the towel in the trash can.**

*I know it sounds like a lot, but it's really fine and we will navigate these new waters with ease!
We are Grace Church! We can do it with ease!*

~ Pastor Rob +



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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE

Children's Message: N/A

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: N/A

If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.

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