

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints Day Sunday

November 1, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

“Our hearts of stone become hearts of flesh when we learn where the outcast weeps.” — Brennan Manning, [Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging](#)

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Anne Taylor

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Don Rice, piano

John Newton/Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Anne Taylor

Blessed are those who will not trade in their faith for a bushel of fear, for they know God's heart.

Blessed are those who stand alone at gravesides, for they are wrapped in God's arms.

Blessed are those who humbly care for the vulnerable, for they shall create new communities.

Blessed are those who miss dinner, and happy hour each night, in order to care for the forgotten, for they shall be filled with the manna of hope.

Blessed are those who are compassionate, even with those who rub them the wrong way, for they will be cared for by others.

Blessed are those who look out for their neighbors, for they live next door to God.

Blessed are the menders of brokenness, for they know what it is like to be reconciled to God.

Blessed are those who are mocked by the rich and the powerful, for they know they are walking the streets of the kin-dom.

Blessed are you when others mock you, point at your mask, think you are foolish for keeping your distance, caring for others, for then you know you are a sibling of Jesus.

Blessed are all those who model faith for us in these uncertain days, weeks, months.

HYMN

Gather Us In

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Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

God's Table is for everyone, no matter how old one is, or young; for those we think of as saints, and those we know are foolish, because we look in the mirror. For God knows that we all try, and no matter how many times we mess up, God will forgive us, quickly and mercifully. I invite you to join in the prayer for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

Long ago on a hillside, the Teacher spoke words for our faith, God of foolish people, and we still do not listen. Full of arrogance, we have no need for a home for our spirits. Taught to be strong, we push away your arms of comfort. Seeing how the wealthy and selfish are idolized, we want to inherit their hearts. As we pass the hungry in line at the food bank, we rush to the store to hoard more. Noticing how the kindest of people are mocked, we develop hardened hearts. Have mercy, God who turns stragglers into saints, when we follow the wrong people, listen to words we shouldn't. For it is those who make peace, who know your hope. It is those whose hearts are in rhythm with yours who see the most vulnerable. It is those who care more for others than themselves, who have learned the soul behind the words of the Teacher, who would guide us to your living waters. **Silence is Kept Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

Lost, we find our way, as we seek God; overwhelmed by loneliness, we are heard when we cry out; stumbling over our foolish choices, we find mercy when we tell all to our God.

We are no different from all we call saints, for they found life in the mercy and grace of our God. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:

1 John 3:1-3

Rev. Michael Moore

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

ANTHEM

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

South African

Translation: Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.
Del Williams and Pat Sheffield, readers; Brandon Cunningham, djembe;
Brianna Cunningham, director

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Michael Moore

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SERMON

We are the Family of God

Rev. Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

WORD OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

Rev. Michael Moore

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives. **Amen.**

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

For All the Saints

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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!

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

SENDING

Norman Zack Taylor

6/12/1942 - 1/9/2020

Donald Lockett Tedder

12/18/1946 - 5/26/2020

Douglas Allan Kanter

1/3/1948 - 7/29/2020

Let us go to be God's saints this week.

Not because we are more pious or special, but because we are called to care for those whom the world has tossed aside.

Let us go now to serve with Jesus this week.

Not because we are better than those around us, but because we are called to humble ourselves in serving those whom society has forgotten.

Let us go now to journey with the Spirit this week.

Not because we have the inside track, but because we have all lost our way, but hand in hand will be led to God's heart.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Oh Happy Day
Don Rice, piano

Phillip Doddridge/Rice

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Mary Anne Taylor

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Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are boxes for your offering on the sidewalks of our worship space and we invite you to drop your offering in them at the conclusion of the service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, November 2		
Tuesday, November 3		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
Wednesday, November 4		
7:00 p.m.	CPC Masked Singers choir rehearsal	
Thursday, November 5		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
6:30 p.m.	Wine and the Word Circle	
Friday, November 6		
Saturday, November 7		
Sunday, November 8		
9:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	
11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team

* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

Session Members: Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)