

Bible Reading for November 8

Matthew 25:31-40 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Discussion Questions

• *What do you think of this parable?* • *Is there someone you identify with in this reading?* • *Have you encountered Jesus while serving others?*

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me in the church office at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



WITNESS

November 1, 2020
All Saints' Day

Musical Gift

For All the Saints

arr. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

For All the Saints

Vaughan Williams

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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,**



Love GOD



Love OTHERS



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**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Remembering the Saints

Stan Addyman	Jean Olmsted
Steven Blakely	Marsha Sanders
Stanley Clark	Sharon Self
Juanita French	James Smithson
Paula Graves	Sue Tucker
Lyle Hughes	

Anthem

Heritage of Faith

Angerman†

Bible Reading — Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Miriam Smith

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Witness”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Choral Benediction *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* Beethoven†
**Sing with all the Saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, to the former days belong.
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament,
Know, with thee, O God Immortal,
‘Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!’**

Musical Gift

The Saints Victorious

Blake

Organist: Virginia Paul

Singers: Beth Green, Chuck Thompson, Susan Thompson, Ron Woller

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Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.