Prayer for Illumination Heather Wilson

**Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons Heather Wilson

Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 2126** *“All Who Hunger”*

The Good News Psalm 34:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12

***“God Works With Us”***

Remembering Our Saints

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **2128** *“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude



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10:30 a.m. ~ November 5, 2023 ~ All Saints Sunday

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

We remember, O God…   
**The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

We remember, O God…   
**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,**

**the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God…

**The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God…

**The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,**

**the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,**

**the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God

who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses…**

**let us worship God with joy!** (Hebrews 12:1)

\*Singing Our Faith **# 711** (vs 1-4)*“For All the Saints”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy One of days and nights, of sinners and saints, of right and left and everything between and beyond. We are grateful for all Your presence that abides in every corner of our living.**

**You lurk quietly in the loneliest places in our hearts, keeping watch. You grieve with us in our devastations, our losses, our fears. You journey with us in our celebrations, our defeats, and even in the monotony of our days. You delight in us, and love us.**

**May we live in that love and delight, knowing that as we sink into You we might become more like You, wanting life and grace for this world and all peoples and creatures that live upon it.**

**We pray for this world, for the places and precious people who are striving to recover from hurricanes and floods and raging fires. We pray for peace among nations, and make us instruments of that peace. We pray for our children and our youth that they may be surrounded by protection, and also be challenged to be all of who they have been created to be.**

**We give you thanks, for all of the saints in our lives, those who are living and those of blessed memory. We pray this prayer for Love’s sake. Amen** (written by Rev. Karla Miller)

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

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