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*Thanks to all who generously shared their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and challenge in our walk of faith.*

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Welcome to

**First Mennonite Church**

*Denver, CO*



*All Saints*

**November 1, 2020**

**Surrounded**

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

## ***Entering Worship***

Welcome

*Country Waltz*

Children's Time

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 327

Announcements & Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

**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!***

Invocation

## ***Candle Lighting & Naming Ritual***

Words of Introduction

Naming and Candle Lighting  
*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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*My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast*

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Meditation

"Surrounded"

*Steal Away*

HWB 612

Chimes

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Pastoral Prayer

*Asithi: Amen (Sing Amen)*

HWB 64

Benediction

Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision*

## ***All Saints Day at FMC***

All Saints Day has been a very solemn and rich experience of remembering those who have gone before. The act of lighting candles in their honor and being surrounded by our church family who are doing the same thing has been a very worshipful time. We have few such times of quiet reflection and remembrance at FMC. Today we continue this tradition as we will hear the names of the cloud of witnesses that we are honoring.

## Entering Worship

### *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (HWB 327)

Vs 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!

Vs 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Vs 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Text: Thomas O Chisholm; Music: William Runyan

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## Faith Reflection

### *Hebrews 12:1-2* (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### *My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast* (STJ 111)

Vs 1 My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run;  
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.

*Refrain* O come, angel band, come and around me stand;  
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.  
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.

Vs 2 I know I'm near the holy ranks of friends and kindred dear;  
I hear the waves on Jordan's banks, the crossing must be near.

Vs 3 I've almost reached my heav'nly home, my spirit loudly sings;  
Thy holy ones, behold, they come! I hear the noise of wings.

Vs 4 O bear my longing heart to him who bled and died for me;  
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin, and gives me victory.

Text: Jefferson Hascall, 1860; Music: William B Bradbury, 1862; arranged by James E Clemens, 2004

### *Steal Away* (HWB 612)

*Refrain* Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.  
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.

Vs 1 My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

Vs 2 Green trees are bending, poor sinners stand atrembling;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

Vs 3 My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the lightning;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

Text & Music: African-American spiritual; Public Domain

## Community & Sharing

### *Asithi: Amen (Sing Amen)* (HWB 64)

*Zulu* Asithi: Amen, siyakudumisa. Asithi: Amen, siyakudumisa.  
Asithi: Amen, Baba, amen Baba. Amen, siyakudumisa.

*English* Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.  
Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.  
Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

Text: South African hymn; Music: SC Molefe

## Organ Selections

### Naming Ritual: *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Music: John B Dykes, 1861; Public Domain

### Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision*

Music: Irish melody; harmonized by Martin Shaw, 1931  
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