

## Welcome!

**No matter who you are or where on life's journey,  
you are welcome here and we are glad you have chosen  
to worship with us this morning!**

If this is your first time visiting with us, we would love to share a little bit more about who we are with you. Please fill out as much information as you are comfortable providing on the enclosed Welcome Card and place it in the offering box located on the table in the Narthex.

## Online Giving

This is just a reminder that we offer electronic giving using your checking account, debit, or credit card on our website. You can even use your smartphone by scanning the "QR Code" right here!



## Thank You!

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First Congregational  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST 

October 30, 2022

*Following Jesus, we answer God's call to practice  
faith, mercy, and justice in community.*

# Celebrating All Saints

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## WE GATHER

Announcements

Call to Worship

*One:* What a gorgeous home you have, God. My heart longs to live here in harmony with your wishes.

*Many:* **In your home, nothing is too small to matter. Every butterfly has its blossom; every groundhog his its burrow; every river has its valley.**

*One:* The separate songs of all that live together in your world well up, blending their voices in harmony.

*Many:* **Some do not know what they are doing; some do. Some blindly obey instinct; others seek inspiration from you.**

*One:* Even when they go through hell, they transform it into a garden. Green grows from the touch of their thumbs.

*Many:* **Their love of life grows stronger and stronger, for they see you in everything.**

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

## WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 1: 10-17

HYMN:

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Gospel Reading:

Luke 19: 1-10

"Becoming a Saint"

Pastor Marilyn Stone

Celebrating those who have joined the Celestial Saints during the past year.

*Ruth Sells, Ruth Merchant, Dorothy Zook, Steve Lipman, Meredith Button, Howard Austen, Susan Frisbee, Bob Davis*

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn:

"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"

Benediction

## "Christians, Rise and Act Your Creed"

1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your  
2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can  
3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's  
4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that

prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the  
help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing  
wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble  
doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - rept of

true, raise your work and life a - new.  
light, strength - en them to do the right.  
zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.  
fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

*Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.*

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.  
The Parish Choir, 1850

## "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,  
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and  
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who  
his love made them strong; and they  
hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The

toiled and fought and lived and died for the  
fol - lowed the right for Je - sus' sake the  
world is bright with the joy - ous saints who

Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and  
whole of their good lives long. And one was a sol - dier, and  
love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in school, on the

one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the

12  
on the green; they were all of them saints of  
fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son,  
house next door; they are saints of God, wheth - er

God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

## "For All the Saints"

1 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!

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

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Soul of Money

For three weeks in November (6th, 13th, and 20th) we will explore the topic of money and the powerful role it plays in our life. Turning to the ancient wisdom of scripture and the modern wisdom of the book *The Soul of Money* by Lynne Twist, we will imagine how shifting our perception of money might transform us and change the world.

## Hygiene Kit Update

Thanks to the church for supplying hygiene items and monetary donations totaling a value of \$261, which enabled us to apply for a matching \$250 grant from the UCC. Our items were enough for 40 bags, plus we added \$114 cash to round out the supplies from UCC women at the Southern Regional Retreat in Live Oak this week. The final total of hygiene bags from the retreat was 286 bags."

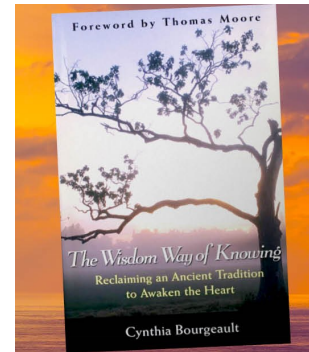
## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the church will be Sunday November 20th. Your presence is appreciated as we will vote to approve our 2023 budget and elect committees and officers.

## Our Prayer List

Dan Hecker, Mark Stanford, Barbara Forsyth, Harvey Littlefield, Gary Sitler, Terry Ralston, Victor Stanley, Bob and Gail Howell, Brigitte Ermansons, Taylor West, Jr., The Zook Family, Barbara Derryberry, The Family of Bob Davis

## Fall Book Discussion



This fall, we will take a long, leisurely time with a short but powerful book, *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*, by Cynthia Bourgeault. We will meet via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30, taking a chapter each week, foraging for insights and discerning practices we can apply to our own lives. We are looking forward to taking this journey together. You can find more information on our website (<https://lakeworthucc.org/fall-book-discussion/>).

## Potluck



Join us for a meal following worship on Sunday, November 13. Bring what you are best at...from scratch, bought, or delivered!

## Community Homeless Services

We are in desperate need of the following mens' clothing items: **T-Shirts** - sizes large and extra large; **Socks**; **Boxer Briefs** - sizes large and extra large; **Athletic shorts** - sizes large and extra large; **Backpacks**