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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
November 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
All Saints Day

WELCOME — Bill Lostocco, Deacon

PRELUDE — *Pastorale in G* — G. Sammartini

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We are grateful for them.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering that call, Saying, "Here I am! Send me."

Like them, we seek guidance and courage.

Like those who have gone before us, we are a curious mixture, in each of us, of saint and sinner. God accepts us this way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship you, most Holy God. Amen.

*HYMN — *For All the Saints* — 486

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, 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!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Blessed are all your saints, O God, those who have travelled over the tempestuous seas of life, and have made the safe harbor of peace and felicity. Watch over us who are still on our voyage; and remember us when we are exposed to the rough storms of trouble and temptation. Our vessels are frail, and the ocean is wide; but as in your mercy you have set our course, so steer the vessels of our lives toward the everlasting shore of peace, and bring us at length to the quiet haven of our hearts' desires, where you, our God, are blessed, and live and reign forever with the Spirit and the Son, in whose name we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in the ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God in obedience, and holding fast; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

ANTHEM *Gather 'Round the Table of the Lord* M.K. Beall arr J. Carter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 7.14-20, 8.9-115 (p. 1031)

SERMON *"Saints and Synergies"* Rev. W. Alan Froggatt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *Fill-A Me Up!* Pepper Choplin

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done / Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER *("trespasses")*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

POEM *A Sonnet for All Saints Day*
Malcolm Guite (November 12, 1957 -)

*HYMN *I Sing a Song of The Saints of God* 494

I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* A. Vivaldi

(* those who are able may stand)

LOOKING AHEAD

November 1	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen	November 5	8:00 am 6:30 pm **7:00 pm**	Yoga Scouts - Webelos **Choir Rehearsal**
November 2	5:30 pm	Irish Dance	November 6	**8:15 am**	**Coffice** hours at **The Villager**
November 3	8:00 am	Yoga	November 7	2:00 pm	Chester Garden Club Tea
November 4	6:30 pm	Scouts – Arrows of Light	November 8	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the United Church of Chester, an Open and Affirming Church and a member of the United Church of Christ. **The United Church of Chester is centered in Christ's love, embracing, nurturing, serving all, and committed to justice and peace**.

The Deacon for the month of November is **Bill Lostocco.** Chancel flowers were provided **Barbara-Jan Wilson** in celebration of the start of UConn Basketball! You were greeted this morning by **Barbara-Jan Wilson**. Coffee hour is hosted by **Cheryl Archer** and **Paul Indorf**.

Outside Work Day – Saturday, November 7th

Join the Trustees in cleaning up outside of the Church and the CE building from 8:30am to 11:30am. The Trustees and others have done some clean-up work already and it's time to pick up those pesky leaves. Rain date is November 14th.

Chester Garden Club Tea – November 7th

The annual Chester Garden Club Tea is this Saturday, November 7th at 2pm. The Garden Club will be setting up in Fellowship Hall and the Pilgrim Fellowship room all week. Groups using Fellowship Hall and the Pilgrim Fellowship room will need to use the parlor or the Choir rehearsal rooms instead.

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm