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November 1, 2026 All Saints Day

Welcome & Greeting

Prelude "Prelude No. 2" from *Twelve Little Preludes* J.S. Bach

* **Call to Worship** (One/Many)

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Give thanks to God, who is good,
Whose faithful love lasts forever!
When we are hungry and thirsty, lost in the wilderness,
God satisfies our thirst, and fills the hungry with good things.
God turns deserts into pools of water, and thirsty ground into springs.
So, let us worship God.

* **Prayer of Gathering** (in unison)

Loving God, we come to you this day in gratitude for who you are and for all the ways you walk with us. This morning, as we offer you our worship, we pray that you will be at work in our lives in return. Draw us to you, teach us, strengthen us, call us, and empower us for the journey that lies ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.

* **Hymn** *You are Exalted* #86 VT

Thoughts on Giving

Loving God, thank you for modeling for us what it means to give generously, lavishly, expecting nothing in return. May we follow your example as we return our gifts to you this morning. Help us to use them to be your hands and feet in the world, Amen.

Moments of Wonder

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN	*Somebody Prayed for Me*	#698 VT
SCRIPTURE LESSON	I Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 1:2-5	
HYMN	*You are All We Have*	#701 VT
SERMON	"When Gratitude is Hard"	
* **HYMN**	*Great is Thy Faithfulness*	#419 VT
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*Bouree*	G.F. Handel

** Please stand as able and led*

Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service.

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Minister of Music.....Vanessa Morton
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