

Chatham Community Church



Joined in the Spirit
November 1, 2020
All Saints Sunday

Pastor Patty Humphress

While the pandemic continues, we will refrain from singing during in-person worship. If a piece seems familiar to you, you are invited to hum along.

Greeting

Centering Music

Karen Schaefer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

People: **Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth.**

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

People: **But all have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness.**

All: We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

In this time as we worship you O Lord, as we give thanks to you and remember loved ones who have

gone before us, may we experience and know your promise of resurrection and new life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

James 5:13-16

Meditative Music

Karen Schaefer

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, **Lord's Prayer**

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Scripture for Reflection

Luke 18:9-14

Message

"Thanks Be to God"

Pastor Patty

Celebrating God's Saints (insert)

Holy Communion

Benediction

Postlude

Karen Schaefer

Record of our Faithfulness:

In-person worship: 20

Offering: \$780.00

Jim Venus Memorial: \$320.00

Apple Butter Festival: \$80.00

Today's greeter is Laura Auble

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 4 – 4:00 p.m. Book Study

Thursday, November 5 – 11:00 a.m. Compass Group

Sunday, November 11 – Education Committee meeting after worship

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Please pray for:

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's
Laura Tice, chronic health concerns
Jeff Natterer, chronic health concerns
Mancel Samples, lung cancer
Peyton, young friend of Gary & Kathy – brain tumor
John, friend of Tom & Sandee's – health concerns
Keith Bohley, recovering from surgery
Sandee LeMasters, recovering from knee surgery
Kay, Sue Funk's sister, recurring cancer
Our First Responders
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION – We will recognize veterans in worship on Sunday, November 8. If you would like us to lift a name during worship, please let Pastor Patty know. We will use first names only.

WORSHIP – You can continue to experience worship with Chatham Community Church on **Facebook** or on **YouTube** (Chatham Community Church Medina OH). As we hold in-person worship, the broadcast, especially on YouTube, may be running a bit behind.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS – If you would like to give your offering for the church to continue the mission of the church, please send your checks to Gary & Kathy Schroeder, 9460 Spencer Lake Rd. Spencer, OH 44275. OR you can leave your offering in the basket placed near the exit.

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CELEBRATING GOD'S SAINTS

Unison Prayer

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lighting Memorial Candles

L: How lovely is your dwelling, O God! My soul longs for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy!

P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praises.

L: Blessed are you, God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, God of our parents and children. Truly you are the dwelling place of every generation. We give you thanks for those who have touched us upon this earth and now are gathered home with you.

P: O God of all Saints, we give thanks for those members who have shared with us the ministries of Chatham Community Church:

Jim Venus

Olga Schrider

L: O God of all saints, we give thanks for parents, children, family members and friends who this year passed to your church triumphant:

David Wilms
Jenna Wilson
Eileen Behner
Caryl Zimmer
Mae Pocta

Katie Funk
Willie Wise
Ron Kaszian
Nancy Summers
Bruce Salsgiver

P: O God of all saints, we remember and give thanks for parents, children, siblings and loved ones, these named below and all those whom we name in our hearts before you:

Robert Bodnar
Rita Koster
Frank Zisko
Lucy Palley
Barbara Jervis
Beulah Breyley

Ralph Cole
Kathy Starr
Lucille Zisko
Thomas Arters
Edna Bowman
Linton Auble

L: O God of all saints, we pause now to remember all those who have died in this CoVid-19 pandemic. This candle we light on their behalf as a symbol of your steadfast love and the hope of resurrection.

P: We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

L: When we are called saints the idea jars us, for we are not saintly people. But we are seekers after God's will, who have been powerfully claimed by Jesus Christ. Remembering who we are intended to be, let us come to God to find forgiveness and healing.

P: O God, our God, we confess that we have lifted up our souls to what is false. We have deceived ourselves and other people. The life we have led is not worthy of our calling. Our words and actions have imprisoned others rather than setting them free, and we ourselves are bound by our prejudices and inhumanity. Forgive us, O God, for you call us to a life that is set apart. Amen.