Order of Service at the United Reformed Church
November 1, 2026 9:30 am
All Saints Day

APPROACHING GOD

Prelude — For All the Saints — arr. Kunick

(*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed: Alleluia!)*

Word for 2026: **Practice.**
People: *May we practice becoming.*

Salutation
Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Call to Worship
From generation to generation, God has been faithful!
We give thanks for those who have walked in faith before us!
Today we remember the saints whose lives have shaped our own.
Their witness reminds us that faith is meant to be lived!
The God who sustained them continues to call us toward justice, mercy, and love.
May we carry forward their witness with courage and compassion!
Come, let us worship the God of yesterday, today, and forever!
With gratitude for those who came before us and hope for those yet to come, we worship God!

*Opening Hymn (Blue Book #665) — Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Call to Confession
On this All Saints Sunday, we remember those whose lives bore witness to God's love, justice, and mercy. Their faithfulness reminds us that discipleship is not simply something we profess, but something we practice. Yet we confess that we have not always lived according to the faith we have inherited or the teachings we have received. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful God, We give thanks for the faithful witnesses who have gone before us, whose lives remind us of Your goodness and grace. Yet we confess that we have not always followed their example of compassion, courage, and generosity. We have enjoyed Your blessings while overlooking the suffering of others. We have protected our comfort, defended our preferences, and allowed familiarity to determine the boundaries of our compassion. Forgive us when we see suffering and do nothing. Forgive us when we hear Your Word but resist its demands. Forgive us when we forget that the faith we have inherited calls us to love, serve, and act. Open our eyes to those we have overlooked. Awaken our hearts to the needs of our neighbors. And strengthen our hands to continue the work of justice, mercy, and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance
Hear the good news! The God who sustained the saints of yesterday is the same God who holds us today. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are assured that neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live as faithful witnesses in our own generation. **Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, we are loved, and we are called to live faithfully. Amen!**

Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation (Blue Book #486) — Open My Eyes That I May See
**Please remain seating*
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading — Luke 16:19-31

The Word of God, for the People of God!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD

Offertory — We Give Thee But Thine Own — "Schumann"

(We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.)

*Doxology — Tune (Old Hundreth)
*Prayer of Dedication
*Affirmation of Faith

Communion Hymn (#818 Red LUYH) — Eat This Bread
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Communion Prayer, Prayers of The People, and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn (Blue Book #528) — God of Grace and God of Glory
*Benediction

Postlude — Over the Stars there is Rest — Abt, arr. Schreiner

Our Invitation
Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand.* Bold text signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.

Pastor Office Hours: Wednesday 5-7 PM; Sunday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
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Sunday Worship

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