

WORSHIP SERVICE

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*“Look up and give thanks! We honor and celebrate the ones
on whose shoulders we’re standing!”*

**Admiral Congregational
United Church of Christ**
November 1, 2026 • 10:30 am
3035 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116

PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GROUNDING SONG: “O When the Saints”

O, when the saints go marching in, (x2)

Lord, I want to be in that number

when the saints go marching in.

O, when the sun begins to shine...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today because somebody made room for us.

People: At the table, in the church, in the story of God.

Leader: We remember the saints whose hands built what we inherited, whose prayers carried us when we did not know their names, whose courage made our courage possible.

People: We remember them, and we give thanks.

Leader: And today, even as we remember those who came before us, we celebrate those God is bringing among us.

People: The family is still growing. The table is still getting longer.

Leader: Some have been here for decades. Some arrived only recently. Some know every corner of Admiral's story, and some are just beginning to write their names into it.

People: But in Christ, there is room for us all.

Leader: Saints remembered and saints still becoming, old friends and new family, come, let us worship God.

People: Together, we are Admiral. Together, we are becoming. Thanks be to God!

SHARED SINGING: “GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR OUR PEOPLE” (INSERT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(A CORPORATE TIME OF COMMUNAL PRAYER, FEEL FREE TO NAME PRAYERS OR UPLIFT PRAISE)

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our Prayer and receive our praise

(RESPOND AFTER EACH PRAYER GIVEN)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Beloved, today we honor this sacred table of remembrance, holding the memories of loved ones who have gone before us. We especially remember Richard Muller, an Admiral member who passed this year. (We invite all who have other names to say them now) We give thanks for his life and for all those who remain part of our great cloud of witnesses. Let us pause in silence, remembering their love, their lives, and their lasting presence among us.

— MOMENT OF SILENCE —

May their memories bless us, and may their love continue to guide us. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*I have one prayer, Let me know you are there.
I have one goal to feel your love in my soul.*

INVITATION TO SHARE

(A time for Announcements; If none are spoken, please see the program
for Community updates and upcoming events)

CHORAL ANTHEM: "A PLACE AT THE TABLE"

LYRICS BY SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY & MUSIC BY LORI TRUE

NEW WORDS FOR VERSE FOUR BY ANITA SHAFFER

THE ADMIRAL CHOIR

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON: "THE RACE IS NOT OVER: WE'RE STILL BUILDING!"

PASTOR JERMELL

SHARED SINGING: "I COME WITH JOY" (INSERT)

NEW MEMBERS' LITURGY LED BY PEGGY RICH, MODERATOR (INSERT)

COMMUNION

Leader: Beloved, today we gather at a table where the whole family is present, our ancestors who came before us, those who have faithfully carried this community, and the new members joining us on this sacred journey. At this table, generations meet, memories live, and God's love holds us all together. We remember Jesus, who took bread, blessed and broke it, saying, "This is my body, given for you." And likewise, he took the cup, reminding us of God's everlasting covenant of love. So come, beloved, old and new, surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses. There is room for the whole family at God's table. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: As we leave this sacred space, may we carry the memories of those who came before us and the responsibility of building a more just and loving world. We honor the saints by continuing the work of love and justice! May our newest members find belonging, our longtime members find renewed hope, and all of us find courage to follow where the Spirit leads. Go now, surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses. Throw off injustice, hold fast to love, and keep your eyes on Jesus.

All: The race is not over! God is still speaking, we are still becoming, and together we will keep building. Amen!

POSTLUDE

***“No matter who you are, wherever you are
on life’s journey, you are welcome here!”***



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