The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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Come and Worship the Lord

October 31, 2021

Welcome Sharon Wilson

*Call to Worship Sharon Wilson

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at

11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of

the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come to avoid tricks, and instead seek God's treats!

Leader: Today is Halloween; a day whose roots actually begin in Church

history.

People: From the beginning, All Hallow's Eve has been about

generosity. Today, we will continue the church's generous

Autumn tradition.

Prelude Amazing Grace arr. Dale Wood

***Hymn** No. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



*Opening Prayer Sharon Wilson

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. For the things that went well this week, we thank you. Thank you for being present even in our struggles. We pray your blessings on our worship service today. We pray that each of us will be equipped with everything we need to be the church on this All Hallow's Eve! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Chorus Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, Bless His holy name.

(repeat)

He has done great things. He has done great things. He has done great things. Bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, Bless His holy name.

Senior Choir Sing a Song of Joy Theron Kirk

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Sharon Wilson

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great

generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Message

What Is All Hallow's Eve?

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*Doxology

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

I Am His and He Is Mine

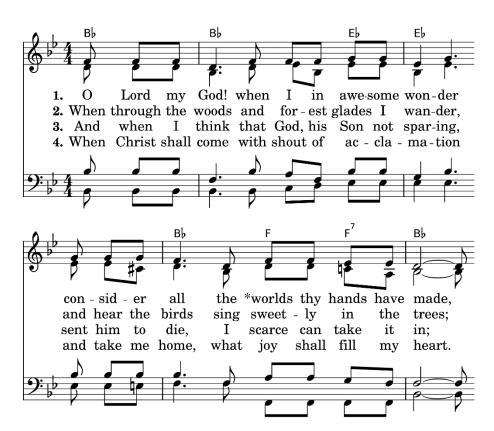
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art



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*Benediction

Postlude A Mighty Fortress arr. Lani Smith

* All in the congregation who are able, please stand.

The United Methodist Church at Absecon is hiring a Worship Media Specialist to run and improve our virtual worship experience. Anyone with media training who is interested in this position is invited to contact Barb Sabath (sabathsabby@gmail.com) or Reverend Dave (ReverendDaveLedford@gmail.com).