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Come and Worship the Lord

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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



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-b
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

***Opening Prayer**

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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

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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

Offertory

I Am His and He Is Mine

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

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I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to

thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

***Benediction**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Lani Smith

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

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