Glebe-St. James United Church

November 1, 2026

Please note: the livestream camera only captures the chairs at the front of the church. Sitting in the pews or at the back will keep you off camera. During the theme conversation, only the backs of children's heads are shown. – The Worship Team

Gathered by God

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

"Fughetta"

Welcome Wendy Bergeron

In the name of the Holy Mystery,
who is Wholly Love,
we welcome you to Creator's House.

Good morning and welcome, everyone, to our worship service at Glebe-St. James United Church in downtown Ottawa on All Saints' Day, November 1st.

My name is Wendy Bergeron and I am the Chair of the Church Council.

We're so glad you're here today. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime member, whether you are joining us in person or online, we hope you feel at home. Please remember to wear a name tag if you are here in person – it's so much easier to feel part of a community when we can greet each other by name. Name tags are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

We are an Affirming Community of Faith in the United Church of Canada - a place of faith, love and community. You are welcome in our sanctuary. If you are looking for a place where your soul can breathe, sit back and listen to the inspirational music. If you are looking for community and connection, this is a place of acceptance, friendship and support. If you are looking for somewhere where you can make a difference in your community, this is a place where you can help to feed those struggling to make ends meet. We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment where people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities feel loved and supported. Thank you for being here.

Announcements

Tuesday, November 3rd – Our next **Congregational Conversation**. We will meet from 7 – 9 p.m. here at the church

Saturday, November 21st – **GSJ Bazaar!** See Liz Elton if you can help out or have donations!

GSJ Goes Out to Dinner returns in November 2026. More details on the program can be found in the e-update but a form for those interested in hosting or being a guest in our popular dinner program is available in the Narthex. Please see David Brown or Margaret Ford for more information.

Land Acknowledgement Pam Fitch

We respectfully acknowledge that our church and our community are situated on the unceded and unsurrendered lands of the Algonquin Annishnaabe people who stewarded this area since time immemorial. We perform land acknowledgments because our community was built on the territory of others who lived here before us and our colonial relations were part of an enormous injustice.

The phrase "unceded and unsurrendered" is a distinct legal and historical statement. When we say "unceded and unsurrendered" we are talking about 36,000 square kilometres spanning the Ottawa River watershed, a territory that includes Ottawa as well as large portions of eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. The Algonquin people never signed away their land title, lost it in a war, or entered into a historic land-sharing treaty with the British Crown or the Government of Canada.

When Colonist settlers arrived here, they declared the land that they wanted was theirs and pushed Indigenous communities to reserves, created residential schools and intentionally sought to erase Indigenous culture. These decisions, enacted over decades, established a form of racism and apartheid that was accepted as normal and they affect our society to this day.

As a person who comes from generations of British settler heritage, I realize that this profound injustice and trauma endured by Indigenous communities across Turtle Island demand that we never forget how we came to be in this place.

Candle Lighting Live Into Hope VU 699

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Call to Worship

Come, you who are joyful, and you who are weary.
We come, trusting that God welcomes us all.
Come, you who hunger for justice, you who long for peace.
We come, seeking a world shaped by compassion and love.
Jesus calls the merciful blessed, the peacemakers blessed, and those who work for righteousness blessed.
May we discover the blessings among us and share them generously.
Come, let us worship the God whose love brings hope and whose Spirit nurtures joy.
Let us worship with open hearts, ready to receive and ready to give.

Hymn For the Faithful Who Have Answered VU 707

1. **For the faithful who have answered**
when they heard your call to serve,
for the many ways you led them
testing will and stretching nerve,
for their work and for their witness
as they strove against the odds,
for their courage and obedience
we give thanks and praise, O God.

2. **Many eyes have glimpsed the promise,**
many hearts have yearned to see.
Many ears have heard you calling
us to greater liberty.
Some have fallen in the struggle,
others still are fighting on.
You are not ashamed to own us.
We give thanks and praise, O God.

3. **For this cloud of faithful witness,**
for the common life we share,
for the work of peace and justice,
for the gospel that we bear,
for the vision that our homeland
is your love - deep, high, and broad -
for the different roads we travel
we give thanks and praise, O God.

Opening Prayer

God of blessing and abundant love,

You meet us in our joy and in our sorrow, in our certainty and in our questions. You remind us that we are beloved, not because we are perfect or successful, but because we belong to you.

Open our hearts to the wisdom of Jesus and his surprising vision of blessing. Help us recognize your presence among those who grieve, those who hunger for justice, those who offer mercy, and those who work for peace.

May this community be a place where people find welcome, where burdens are shared, where differences are respected, and where joy grows through acts of kindness and love.

Gather us in your Spirit, that our worship may renew our hope and strengthen our commitment to building a more compassionate and just world. Amen.

Prayer for Healing

Would you pray with me:

Loving God, we know that we do not always live according to the vision Jesus offers us.

We sometimes seek our own comfort while overlooking the struggles of others. We remain silent when courage is needed, judge when compassion is called for, and turn away when the work of justice seems too difficult.

We have missed opportunities to welcome, to listen, to forgive, and to encourage. We have sometimes allowed worry, resentment, or indifference to diminish the joy we might share.

Heal us, gracious God. Help us see where we have fallen short without losing hope in what we might yet become.

Turn our hearts toward mercy. Strengthen our courage to pursue justice and make peace. Teach us to recognize the dignity of every person and to become more faithful bearers of your love.

We pray in the spirit of Jesus, who calls us toward a life of compassion, courage, and hope. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Hear the good news: God's love is not a reward for getting everything right. It is a gift that meets us wherever we are and calls us toward new possibilities.

Jesus reminds us that the grieving will be comforted, the merciful are blessed, and those who hunger for righteousness are not forgotten.

We are held in a love that does not abandon us when we stumble, but invites us to begin again.

We are forgiven, we are beloved, and we are free to grow in grace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sign of Peace

Hymn Shout for Joy! *(Verse 4)* VU 482

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
praise the Spirit, three yet ever one;
praise the God whose food and friends avow
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

Theme Conversation What Makes You Happy?

Good morning, everyone!
I have a question for you today. Can you tell me something that makes you happy? *(Invite a few answers.)*

Those are wonderful things!
Do you know what?
I think God loves seeing us experience joy, too!

But let me ask you another question.
Have you ever felt sad? Maybe you fell down, someone hurt your feelings, or you missed someone you love. *(Pause for responses.)*

Sometimes we feel happy, and sometimes we feel sad.
And Jesus knows that, too.

One day, Jesus sat on a hillside and talked to a big crowd of people. He told them that God loves people who are sad and need comfort. God loves people who are kind and gentle. And God loves people who help others and try to make peace.

Jesus was teaching people that we are blessed when we are loved by God—and we can share that love with others.

Let's try a little action together!
When I say, "God loves you," I want you to give yourself a big hug!

When I say, "Share God's love," I want you to stretch your arms out wide!

How can we share joy?
(Hold up the paper heart, or make a heart shape with your hands.)

Imagine this is a heart full of love. How could we share that love with someone who is feeling sad?

Could we give them a hug, if they wanted one?
Could we invite someone to play with us?
Could we help someone who has fallen down?

Yes! We can do all those things.

And here's something amazing: when we help someone feel loved, we can help them feel a little more joy, too!

Jesus wants us to remember that God's love is for everyone. We don't have to make everyone happy all the time. Sometimes we just need to be kind, listen, help, or sit beside someone who is sad.

Let's put our hands together, or hold them open like a gift.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving us when we are happy and when we are sad.
Help us to be kind, to help others, and to share our joy.
Help everyone know that they are loved.
Amen.

And now, let's go and share a little joy!

Hymn O, When the Saints

O, when the saints go marching in,
O, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when they gather 'round the throne,
O when they gather 'round the throne,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown Him Lord of all.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Listening for Wisdom

Prayer for Wisdom

God of wisdom and wonder, as we hear the words Jesus spoke upon the mountain, open our minds to their challenge and our hearts to their promise.

Help us hear beyond familiar words to the blessings we might otherwise overlook. Show us the joy that can flourish alongside sorrow, the hope that sustains the work of justice, and the love that makes peace possible.

May your Spirit guide our understanding and shape our living, so that the words we hear today become compassion we practice, welcome we extend, and hope we share. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 Brad Munro

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is wisdom from our ancestors in faith.

Gift of Music "Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope"
Music by David Angerman and Douglas Nolan, words by Douglas Nolan

Spirit, you are God, in the tempest and the gale.
Spirit, you alone are God and your mercies never fail.
For your love is everlasting and your peace can calm our fears.
Spirit, your grace is like an ark sailing through a sea of tears.

Spirit, Holy, come and fill this house with grace.
Spirit, worthy, we are one in your embrace.
Spirit, come inhabit all our praise.
As we worship and we pray, help us Lord to find our way.
Spirit, come renew our hearts today.

Spirit, holy, you are faithful, you are true.
Jesus, worthy, all our joy begins with you.
Spirit, come empower all we do,
Make this church a welcome place filled with mercy, love and grace.
Spirit, come refresh our faith today.

Come Spirit, shower us with promise and with love.
Restore our lives, refresh our faith.
Stretch out your rainbow of assurance before us.
Descend with power. Descend with power
Descend with power on this place.

Spirit, holy, come and fill this house with grace.
Spirit, worthy, we are one in your embrace.
Spirit, come inhabit all our praise.
Breathe in us a mighty wind; help this church to live again.
Spirit, come restore our hope today.

Spirit, come restore our hope.
Spirit, come refresh our faith.
Spirit, come renew our hearts today.

Reflection The Joy We Find, the Joy We Share Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

What brought you to this congregation?

Perhaps you came because someone invited you. Perhaps you were looking for a place where you could explore your faith, ask questions, or find a community that welcomed you just as you are. Perhaps you came because you were searching for something you could not quite name—a sense of belonging, a place to serve, a community that shared your values, or a connection with something larger than yourself.

And what keeps you coming?

Is it the music? The prayers? The familiar faces? The conversations over coffee? The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others? The knowledge that, in a world that can sometimes feel harsh and divided, there is a community that still believes in compassion, justice, generosity, and love?

Perhaps it is all of these things.

And perhaps, somewhere in the midst of it all, you have discovered joy.

Not necessarily the loud, exuberant kind of joy that makes us want to sing at the top of our lungs. Sometimes joy is much quieter. It is the warmth of being remembered when we have been away. It is someone asking how we are and genuinely wanting to know the answer. It is sharing a laugh with a friend, singing a familiar hymn, or discovering that we are not alone in carrying a difficult burden.

Sometimes joy is simply the feeling that we belong.

Today's Gospel invites us to think about what brings us joy, where we find it, and how we might help create it for others.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus goes up a mountain, sits down, and begins to teach his disciples and the crowds who have gathered around him. We know these words as the Beatitudes.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit."
"Blessed are those who mourn."
"Blessed are the meek."
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."
"Blessed are the merciful."
"Blessed are the peacemakers."

At first glance, the Beatitudes seem like a surprising place to look for joy.

Jesus calls blessed those who mourn, those who are poor in spirit, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and those who work for peace. These are not necessarily people whose lives are filled with happiness. Some are hurting. Some are struggling. Others are working for a better world and discovering just how difficult that work can be.

So what does Jesus mean when he calls them blessed?

I think Jesus is inviting us to see joy differently.

He is not saying that suffering is good, or that we should be grateful for injustice, or that we should simply endure hardship with a smile. He is telling us that hardship does not mean we have been abandoned by God. Grief does not

cancel out love. Disappointment does not destroy hope. And the struggle for justice is not without purpose.

The joy of the Beatitudes is the joy of knowing that God's love is present, that our lives matter, and that the world can be different from what it is today.

There is joy in knowing that those who mourn will not be left alone. There is joy in discovering that gentleness can be stronger than aggression, that mercy can interrupt the cycle of resentment, and that peacemaking can open possibilities where others see only division.

There is joy in believing that the hungry can be fed, that the excluded can be welcomed, and that people who have been treated as less than others can reclaim their dignity.

This is not a shallow or easy joy. It does not ask us to ignore suffering. It gives us a reason to face suffering together.

And that is important, because joy is not always something we find waiting for us. Sometimes it is something we create through the way we love one another, the way we work for justice, and the way we refuse to give up on one another.

The Beatitudes are both a blessing and an invitation: a blessing because God's love reaches people in every circumstance, and an invitation to help build a world in which more people can experience the comfort, dignity, peace, and hope that Jesus describes.

Perhaps this is one of the reasons we come to church. We come not because life is always joyful, but because here we can remind one another that sorrow is not the whole story, that hope is worth nurturing, and that we can make a difference when we work together.

The Beatitudes remind us that joy is not simply about how happy we feel. It is also about the kind of world we are helping to create.

The Beatitudes turn our usual ideas of blessing upside down.
And they offer us a different way of understanding joy.

Joy is not the same as happiness.

Happiness often depends on our circumstances. We are happy when things go well, when our plans succeed, when our loved ones are healthy, and when life gives us reasons to celebrate.

There is nothing wrong with happiness. We need it, and we should treasure it. But joy can run deeper.

Joy can exist alongside sadness. We can grieve a loss and still be grateful for the love we shared. We can be troubled by the state of the world and still find joy in working with others to make it better. We can acknowledge the difficulties in our own lives and still experience the comfort of knowing that someone cares.

The Beatitudes remind us that joy does not require us to pretend everything is fine.

Instead, joy can grow from the assurance that we are loved, that we belong to one another, and that even in difficult times, the work of love continues.

And that brings us back to our congregation.

What is it that makes a community of faith a place of joy?

Certainly, there are the things we do together. We worship, we pray, we sing, we learn, we celebrate milestones, and we share in the rhythms of the church year. But the deeper joy of a congregation is not found simply in what happens on Sunday morning.

It is found in how we treat one another.

It is found in the person who notices when someone is missing and reaches out to ask if they are all right. It is found in the welcome offered to someone who has never been here before, who may be uncertain whether they will fit in, or who has spent years wondering whether a church could truly welcome them.

It is found when we listen without rushing to offer advice, when we make room for different opinions, and when we recognize that people arrive carrying stories and burdens we may never fully understand.

It is found when we celebrate one another's gifts rather than comparing them, when we forgive one another's mistakes, and when we make space for people to participate in ways that reflect their abilities, circumstances, and passions.

And it is found when our faith reaches beyond these walls.

When we support the local food bank, we help make a world in which fewer people go hungry. When we stand alongside Indigenous Peoples in the work of reconciliation, we participate in the long, difficult work of justice. When we affirm the dignity of 2SLGBTQIA+ people, including transgender people, we help create communities where people can live openly and safely. When we care for the Earth, we express our love for the generations who will come after us. These actions may not always feel joyful. Justice work can be exhausting. Reconciliation asks us to confront painful truths. Caring for the vulnerable can bring us face to face with suffering we would rather not see.

But there is a deep and sustaining joy in discovering that we can do something together that we could never accomplish alone.

There is joy in knowing that our lives can make a difference.

And there is joy in belonging to a community that is trying, however imperfectly, to put love into action.

Of course, no congregation is perfect. We are human beings, with different personalities, different expectations, different experiences, and different ideas about how things ought to be done.

Sometimes we misunderstand one another. Sometimes we overlook someone who needs to be noticed. Sometimes our familiar routines make it difficult for newcomers to find their place.

A community of faith does not become a place of joy by avoiding every difficulty. It becomes a place of joy by learning how to meet those difficulties with honesty, patience, humility, and love.

The Beatitudes give us a vision of the community we are called to become: a community where the grieving are comforted, where the meek are not dismissed, where mercy matters, where justice is pursued, and where peacemakers are recognized as doing holy work.

So perhaps we might ask ourselves three questions today.

First: **What brings me joy in this community of faith?**

Take a moment to think about that. Is it a person? A particular part of worship? The feeling of being welcomed? The opportunity to contribute? The knowledge that you can bring your questions and doubts here?

Whatever it is, recognize it as a gift. Give thanks for it. And, when you can, let the people who help create that joy know what they mean to you.

Second: **Who might need a little more joy in their life right now?**

Perhaps it is someone who has been away from church for a while. Perhaps it is someone who sits alone, someone who is grieving, or someone who has quietly taken on more than their share of responsibility.

We do not always know what another person is carrying. A smile, a telephone call, an invitation, or a few minutes of genuine attention may seem like a small thing to us. To someone else, it may be a reminder that they matter.

And third: **What can I do to help foster joy in others?**

We do not need to organize a major event or take on another responsibility. We do not need to have all the answers.

We might simply learn someone's name. We might invite someone to join us for coffee. We might listen more carefully. We might offer appreciation instead of criticism, encouragement instead of comparison, or a helping hand instead of assuming that someone else will do it.

We might ask a person who is new to the congregation what brought them here—and then take the time to listen to their answer.

And we might remember that fostering joy is not about insisting that everyone be cheerful. Sometimes the most loving thing we can do is sit quietly beside someone who is sad, without trying to fix their sadness or hurry them toward happiness.

Blessed are those who mourn, Jesus says, for they will be comforted. Sometimes we are the people who need that comfort. Sometimes we are the ones called to offer it.

Often, over the course of a lifetime, we will be both.

That is part of what it means to belong to a community of faith.

The Beatitudes are not simply a list of people God loves. They are an invitation to shape our lives and our communities around the values of God's love.

They invite us to build a world where compassion is stronger than indifference, where justice matters more than privilege, where peace is more than the absence of conflict, and where no one is left to believe that they must face life's struggles alone.

And perhaps that is where the deepest joy of a congregation can be found.

Not in being a perfect community, but in being a community that keeps choosing love.

Not in being free from sorrow, but in making sure that sorrow is never carried alone.

Not in having all the answers, but in having the courage to keep asking questions, learning, growing, and serving.

And not in keeping our blessings to ourselves, but in sharing them so that others may experience the same welcome, care, and hope that have brought us here.

So, as we leave this place today, let us carry these questions with us.

What brought us here?
What keeps us coming?
What brings us joy?
And what can we do to help foster joy in others?

May we recognize the blessings already present among us. May we be attentive to those who need comfort, welcome, or encouragement. And may we continue to build a community where people find not only a place to worship, but a place to belong, to serve, to grow, and to experience the transforming power of love.

For when we share our joy, we do not diminish it.
We make room for more.

And in that generous, imperfect, hope-filled work, we discover something of the blessing Jesus describes on the mountain. Amen.

Responding in Thanksgiving

Hymn My Life Flows On VU 716

1. **My life flows on in endless song,**
   above earth's lamentation.
   I hear the sweet, though far off hymn
   that hails a new creation.
   Through all the tumult and the strife,
   I hear the music ringing:
   It finds an echo in my soul -
   how can I keep from singing?

2. **What though my joys and comforts die?**
   My Saviour still is living.
   What though the shadows gather 'round?
   A new song Christ is giving.
   No storm can shake my inmost calm,
   while to that Rock I'm clinging:
   since Love commands both heaven and earth,
   how can I keep from singing?

3. **When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,**
and hear their death knells ringing:
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging:
when friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?

4. **I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;**
I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths,
since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing:
all things are mine since I am Christ's -
how can I keep from singing?

Invitation to Give

Jesus calls blessed those who show mercy, work for peace, and hunger for a world made more just.

Our offering is one way we answer that call. Through the gifts we share—our money, our time, our abilities, and our care—we help create a community where people are welcomed, neighbours are supported, and hope takes practical shape.

Let us give with grateful hearts, trusting that even the smallest gift, offered in love, can help bring blessing and joy to others.

Offering Hymn Shout for Joy! *(Verse 4)* VU 482

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
praise the Spirit, three yet ever one;
praise the God whose food and friends avow
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

Offering Prayer

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for the blessings we have received and for the joy of sharing what we have.

May these offerings bring comfort to those who mourn, nourishment to those who hunger, welcome to those who feel excluded, and encouragement to those working for justice and peace.

Bless not only the gifts placed before you, but also the gifts of compassion, creativity, patience, and generosity present within this congregation.

May all that we give and all that we do help build a world where your love is made visible and your blessing is shared freely. In the spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People The Kingdom of God MV 146

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, God, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.
Repeat

Prayer of Jesus

Our Mother and Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sent by the Spirit

Hymn Give Thanks for Life VU 706

1. **Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,**
   mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
   yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. **Give thanks for those who made their life a light**
   caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
   who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. **And for our own, our living and our dead,**
   thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
   a love not changed by time or death or dread,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. **Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain**
   lying in darkness does its life retain
   in resurrection to grow green again,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sending Forth

God of blessing, as we leave this place, send us into the world with open hearts and willing hands.

When we meet sorrow, may we offer comfort.

When we encounter injustice, may we find courage to speak and act.

When divisions arise, may we become peacemakers.

When someone feels unseen or unwelcome, may we make room and offer belonging.

And when joy finds us—in laughter, in friendship, in the beauty of creation, or in the simple kindness of another—may we receive it with gratitude and share it generously.

Remind us that we do not need to be perfect to make a difference. We need only to keep choosing compassion, practicing mercy, and working together for a world that reflects your love.

May the blessings Jesus proclaimed upon the mountain take root in our lives and flourish through our actions.

Go in hope. Go in peace. Go ready to share the joy of being loved and the blessing of loving others. And so we sing…

Sung Amen VU 968

Music for the Journey

"Cortège"

End of Worship | Beginning of Service

Thank you to those who have joined us this morning for worship.

We invite those here to join us in Fraser Hall, follow the service, for a time of fellowship & refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, November 3rd
Our next Congregational Conversation –
Tuesday, November 3rd,
7pm to 9pm at the church.

Musical Acknowledgements

- This week`s organ prelude is by Andrew Gant (b. 1963), a British composer, singer, author, teacher and politician. A fughetta is a short piece with contrapuntal imitation in a light version of Baroque style.
- Our choir anthem has a story --- it was composed to commemorate the repair of a church roof damaged by a tornado. Paul chose it to mark the conclusion of our own roof repairs! You may hear a foreshadowing of Advent in the opening melody.
- The organ postlude is by Gordon Young (1919-1998), an American organist and composer of organ and choral works. A cortège is a funeral processional, chosen today to commemorate All Saints Sunday, a traditional time for honouring the dead.

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