In preparation for today’s worship, you are invited to prepare your bread and juice/wine and have it near you. You are also invited to have a candle ready to light as we remember together those who have passed into eternity.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Abraham believed against all odds that God would give him a son in his old age, and became the father of faith.

PEOPLE: Moses followed God’s call to lead God’s people out of slavery in Egypt.

LEADER: Rahab protected God’s spies and became a hero of the faith.

PEOPLE: The Apostle Paul, Timothy, Barnabus, Peter, Priscilla, Phoebe, Junias, and many more spread the gospel of Christ around the world.

LEADER: We remember, O God... the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage and faith. We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us what real faith looks like.

PEOPLE: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

PRAYER

HYMN # When We All Get to Heaven
Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed, he’ll prepare for us a place.

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!*
*When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory!*

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day.
Just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.  

CHORUS

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Rev. Dick Birdsall Roma Bowen Daisy Cox
Marilyn Boone Robert Burton Matt Pruett
Dody Tweeddale
Lighting Candles and Remembering Together

HYMN # Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;*
*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.*

I looked over Jordan and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.  

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I’m a’coming too, coming for to carry me home.  

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12: 1-3

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

REFLECTION Cloud of Witnesses

HYMN # Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

SHARING THE LORD’S TABLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

BENEDICTION Blест Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

And all God’s people say, “AMEN!”