

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God, we confess that we often fall short of the high calling of the saints. We cling to our fears rather than stepping out in faith. We walk paths of isolation rather than seeking the community of your grace. We pass by those who hunger, thirst, or mourn, failing to live out the radical neighbor-love to which Jesus calls us.

ALL: Forgive us for our human errors, our moments of doubt, and our collective silence. Renew our spirits, clear our vision, and give us the courage to reflect your light in a darkened world.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: Hear the Good News: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Let us stand firm, hold fast to what is good, and walk in the assurance of divine mercy. Amen.

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Sung responses can be found on page 17 of the UMH*

We Go Out to Love and Serve

****Closing Hymn: *Hymn of Promise* #707 UMH**

Announcements

BENEDICTION

Leader: May God bless you with reminders of the saints who have gone before, so that, inspired by their witness, you may live as witnesses to Love here and now. And may God surround you with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Boldly Caring for our
Community
Grounded in God's Love*

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November 1, 2026 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection

Welcome

Call to Worship: MONICA

L: We gather today to remember and celebrate the communion of saints.

P: We come to join the multi-generational chorus of praise, uniting our voices with those who have gone before.

L: We remember the teachers, the musicians, the preachers, and the quiet servants.

P: We remember the family members, friends, and neighbors who showed us the way of love.

L: Praise be to God, who surrounds us with so great a cloud of witnesses!

P: Thanks be to God for the lives, the faith, and the examples of the saints!

****Opening Hymn: *For All the Saints* #2283 TFWS**

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, we give thanks for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. We praise you for their steadfastness, their faithfulness, and the marks they left upon the earth for you, for us, and for the generations to come. Grant us grace to follow their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love, so that we too may walk wisely and remain firmly rooted in your grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ministry of Music

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 34:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

PASTOR JEN

Response to the Word

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn of Preparation: *Blessed Are They* #2155 TFWS**

Children's Message

PEGGY

Message: *The Upside-Down Kin-dom of God*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

After each prayer request, please join in the response:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

After each joy, please join in the response:

Praise God, **Alleluia!**

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS

Offering Our Gifts to God

****Song of Thanksgiving:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

****Prayer of Dedication:**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those whose lives bore witness to your grace and whose faith still shapes the church we share today. We offer these gifts as signs that their witness continues through us. Use these offerings to strengthen your church, that our lives may also become a testimony to your living Word at work among us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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