

October 27, 2013

*A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle.* Benjamin Franklin

**PRELUDE** Fughetta on Coronation H. Fleischer  
Chorale & Aria on *Sine nomine* D. Cherwien

*Before the candles are lit, please greet your neighbors with God's hospitality.  
Once they are glowing, please celebrate your prayers with God.  
When they are extinguished, carry God's light into the world.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Shout for Joy* Jim Taylor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Neither death nor life nor anything else in all of creation,  
**People:** **can separate us from the love of God.**  
Leader: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
**People:** **As we gather on this All Saints Sunday, we remember all  
who have gone before us.**  
**All:** **For their love and wisdom shared, we give thanks. For all  
the Saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks.**

\*HYMN *For All the Saints* black # 299

## REMEMBERING CENTER CHURCH SAINTS

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*At the conclusion of Joys and Concerns the children will leave to go to "The Promised Land  
" as the congregation sings the first verse of On River Jordan's Banks I Stand,*

*On River Jordan's banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
Upon the fair and happy land where my possessions lie  
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land  
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land*

## MORNING PRAYERS

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, we come before you confessing what we are and  
what we are not. Our pride mixes with our humility. We acknowledge  
we have not lived according to your will. We have counted the worth of

our lives measuring ourselves against the failings of others. We seek  
your forgiveness.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Pastoral Prayer

### Silent Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

*Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

### Congregational Response

*Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

# 769

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Jerusalem* Charles Parry

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Luke 18: 9-14 page 911

**SERMON** **WORSHIP GOD AND NOT SELF**

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

**Congregation:** *We welcome you with joy in the common life of this  
church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share our  
hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy  
Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love.*

*We will sing the first verse of Blessed Be the Tie That Binds # 393 NCH  
as the new members return to their pews.*

\*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* black # 304

## OFFERING

### Invitation

**Offertory Anthem** *Psalms One Hundred* Robert Roth

### \*Doxology (unison)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low,  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,  
One God triune whom we adore. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN *Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise* black # 529

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      *Threefold Amen*      # 812

**POSTLUDE**

*For All the Saints*      R.A. Hobby

*We invite you to remain quietly and celebrate the conclusion of worship in the postlude.*

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\*Please stand if you are comfortable.  
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We hope that you find your worship experience meaningful.  
If you are new to the community, we invite you to make this your church home.

*Please stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship  
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

**In our Service Today**

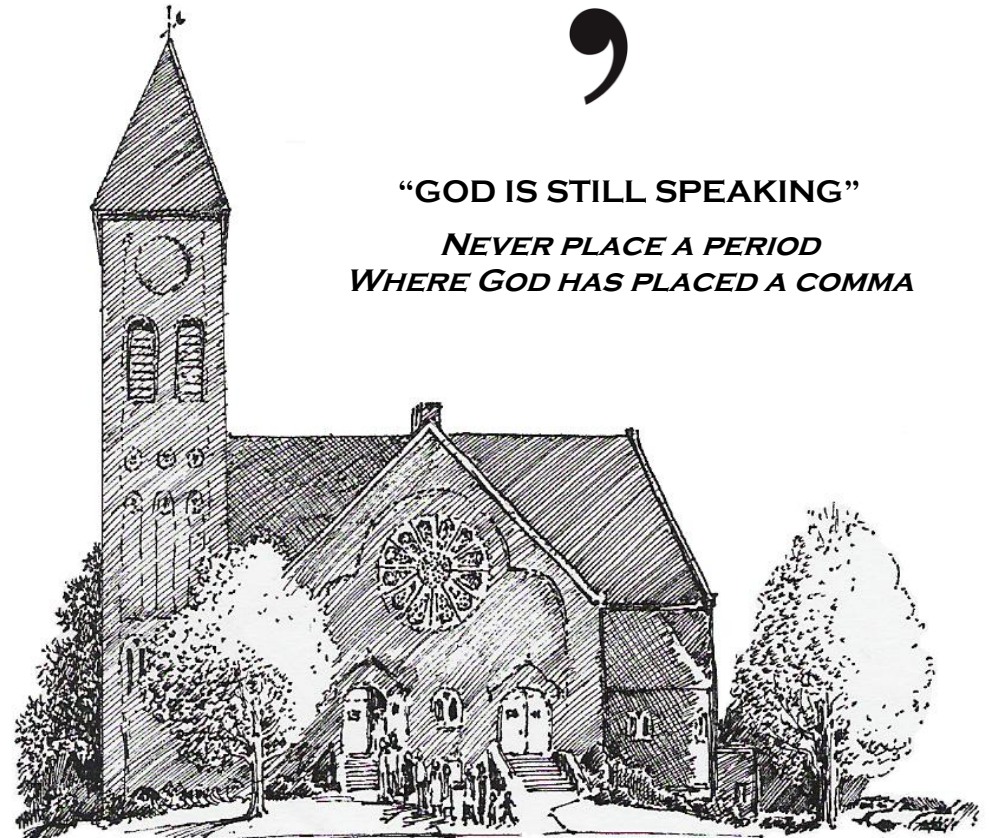
<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Lori J. Souder
<b>Organist</b>	Larry D. Schipull
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Cheryl H. Cobb
<b>Greeters:</b>	Barbara Hatch & Grace Hooton
<b>Reader:</b>	Karen Anderson
<b>Head Deacons:</b>	Ruth Howe & Doug Smith
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Carolyn Baston

**The Children’s CE Team will host Coffee Hour in TODAY  
IN THE PROMISED LAND – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Education Wing.**

**THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH**

Ministers:	All Church Members
Senior Minister	Rev. Lori J. Souder
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Charles P. Blakney

<u>Christian Education Program</u>		<u>Music Program</u>	
Children:	Helen Gage, and Jennifer Weeks	Organist:	Larry Schipull
Youth:		Choir Director:	Cheryl Cobb
Adult:	Richard Howe, Team Chair	Associate in Music:	Cynthia Morrell
	Office Manager:	Cynthia H. Jubinville	
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