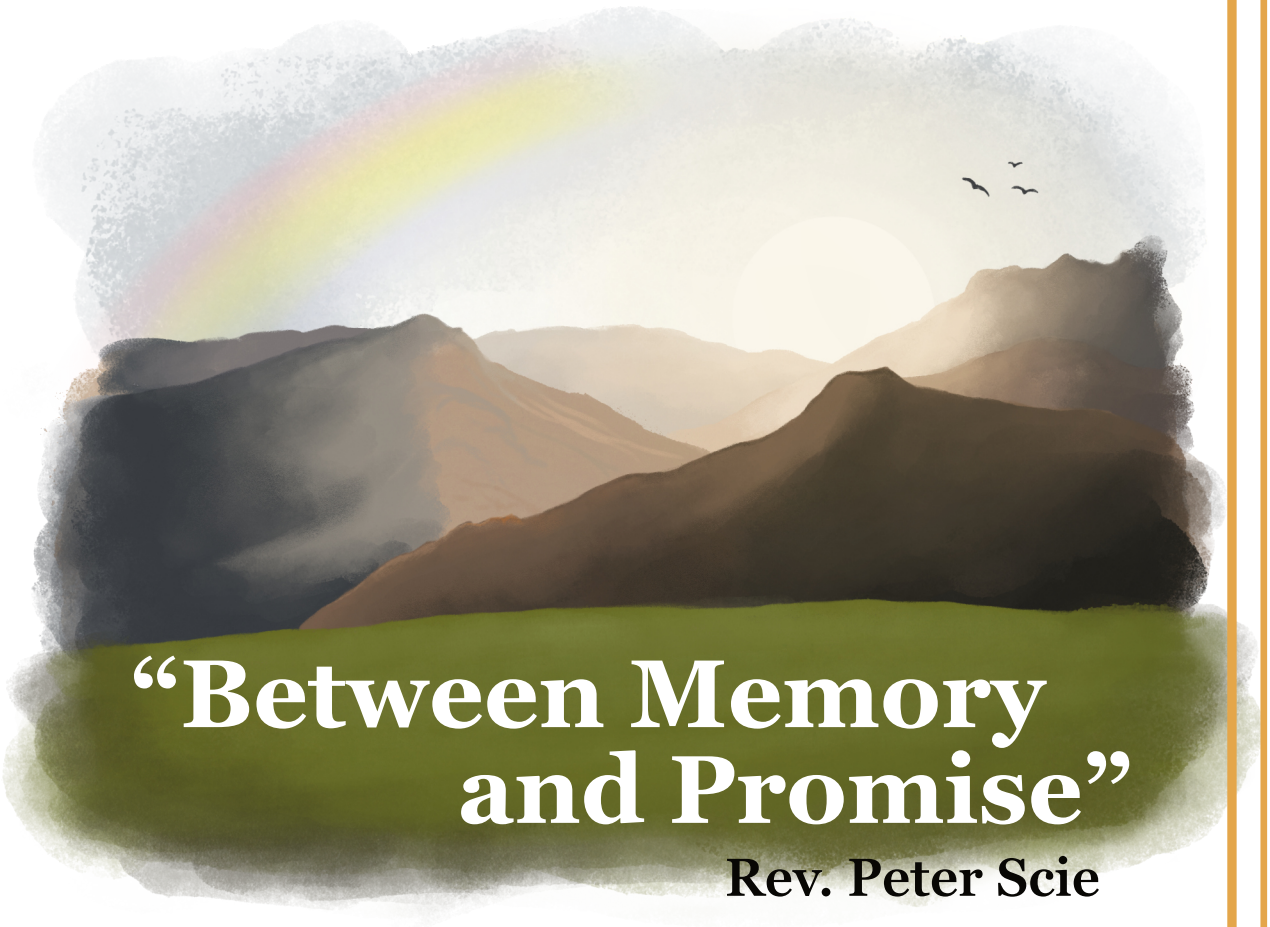
Central St Matthew
United Church of Christ
Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 1st | 10 am



"Between Memory and Promise"

Rev. Peter Scie

BRINGING NEW ORLEANS TOGETHER

Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ
Order of Service

Season of Pentecost **November 1, 2026**

(At the asterisk*, all who are able, please stand. Congregation responses are in **bold)**

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude ***"Sonata in D minor, K. 32"*** Domenico Scarlatti

Lighting of Candles Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Michael Boucree

Leader: Today, we gather between memory and promise, remembering those who have gone before us and celebrating the new life unfolding among us.

People: We give thanks for the saints whose love and witness continue to inspire us!

Leader: We rejoice as new members join our community of faith, bringing fresh gifts, hope, and possibility.

People: We celebrate the love of God that welcomes us all!

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we shall become has not yet been revealed!

All: We are God's beloved children! Let us worship God with gratitude, joy, and hope!

Opening Hymn** ***"I Will Bless Thee, O Lord" AAHH #530

***Invocation**

Loving and Eternal God, we gather with grateful hearts, remembering those whose lives have blessed us and celebrating those who join our journey of faith today. Fill this sacred gathering with your presence. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen our bonds of community, and inspire us to embrace the future with courage and joy. May our worship reflect your boundless love and our commitment to live as your beloved children. Amen.

Anthem *"Hallelujah, Amen"* AAHH #118

Scripture Reading

The Psalter Psalm 34:1–10, 22

The Epistle 1 John 3: 1-3

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reception of New Members Rev. Peter Scie

Introduction

Address to the New Members

Address to the Congregation

Charge

Call to Reconciliation

As God's beloved children, we are called to reflect divine love in our relationships and communities. Yet we acknowledge that sometimes we fall short, allowing fear, division, and indifference to hinder our witness. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us join together in prayer.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us when we forget whose children we are. Forgive us when we neglect the wisdom of those who came before us, resist the possibilities of tomorrow, or fail to welcome others with genuine love. Renew our spirits, deepen our compassion, and strengthen our commitment to justice and community. Help us become faithful witnesses of your transforming love. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God's love is greater than our failures, and God's grace continually calls us into new life. We are forgiven, renewed, and embraced as beloved children of God. **Beloved, we are God's children now! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Passing of Peace**

Please turn to your neighbor and say "The Peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

***Pulpit Hymn** *"For All the Saints"* NCH #299
(Verse 1 & 3-5)

Sermon **"Between Memory and Promise"** Rev. Peter Scie

A Litany in Celebration of the Saints in Heaven

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God for all Your servants and witnesses in times past:

People: For Abraham and Sarah, his wife;

Leader: For Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest;

People: For Jesus, the Christ, Your Word and Person, Savior of all humanity, and King of the saints;

Leader: For the first disciples, who left all to follow Jesus; For the messengers, known and unknown, who brought good news to our country;

People: For all who have gone to the ends of the earth to share Your love;

Leader: For the martyrs, innocents, and saints in every age and land.

Together: We give thanks to You, O God, for all the servants from this congregation whom You took to be with You this past year:

Brenda Anttoine	**Toni Baker**	**Deidre Ann Beslin**
Glenda Saunders	**Doug Smith**	**Arlene Turner**

We give thanks to You, O God, for Your servants, whom we name before You now:
(The congregation is invited to mention aloud the names of others who have died.)

Grant us to become partakers of that joy which they now experience. We praise You, O God, for the hope we find in Jesus Christ. Be with us until we fully come into Your presence where, at Your right hand, there are pleasures forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Call to Communion

The Words of Institution

The UCC Statement of Faith

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Special Music

All are welcome at the table!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Offertory Sentence Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you: a full measure—packed down, shaken together and running over—will be poured into your lap. For the amount you measure out is the amount you'll be given back."

Offertory *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* AAHH #430

***Doxology** NCH #781

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.

***The Closing Hymn** *"Soon and Very Soon"* AAHH #193

Carrying of the Light into the World Acolyte

***Parting Hymn** *"Bind Us Together"* TFWS #2226

(Please join the Circle of Friendship)
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one king. There is only one body.
That is why we sing. Bind us together…

***Benediction**

Postlude *"It Is Well"* Traditional

Altar flowers are given in Honor of the
Betz-Shapley family by Carol Etter

CSM All Saints Day 2026

This List includes members and friends of our church as well as the names of those who have reached out for prayers or had prayer requests made in their name. **If there is a name you would like to be included on this list please email it to office@centralstmatthewucc.com before Noon on Monday, November 2nd so that they will be included in a message we send out recognizin all the Souls in Heaven that have passed on this year!**

Brenda Anttoine

Melanie Allen (Ocean Springs, Ms)

Toni Baker

Deidre Ann Beslin

Christiana Boahemaa

Brian Braden

Francis Braden

Derek Bullock

Camaar "Ro" Campbell

John Cook

Odelia Dodd

Irline Dunn

Scottie Dunn

Erika Goodwin

Rev. Graylan Scott Hagler (Pastor Emeritus, Plymouth Congregational UCC, DC)

Dr. Norman Francis (Past President Of Xavier University, Nola)

Abed Hodrocj's Mother

Rev. Jesse Jackson

Edward Craig Moore, Jr.

Dale Koller

Maria Del Socorro Martin
Otho Nash
Theresa Nash
Leslie Nealor
Ruth Sanders
Glenda Saunders
Doug Smith
Karen Sock, (Ocean Springs, Ms)
David Diggs, Sr.
Dr. Cletie Taylor
Iris Taylor
Alexandra Thompson
Ruby Triplett
Arlene Turner
Ted Watson (Arizona)
Joanie Ziraldo-Higgins

For All Souls: Rutters Requiem

Monday, November 2nd | 7 pm
Xavier University Admin Auditorium

If you would like to continue your All Saints Day celebration, please join us Monday, 7pm at Xavier University for a performance of Rutters Requiem by the Xavier University and Central St Matthew Choir. For More information, check the insert!

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