



FOR THOSE WHO WALKED WITH US

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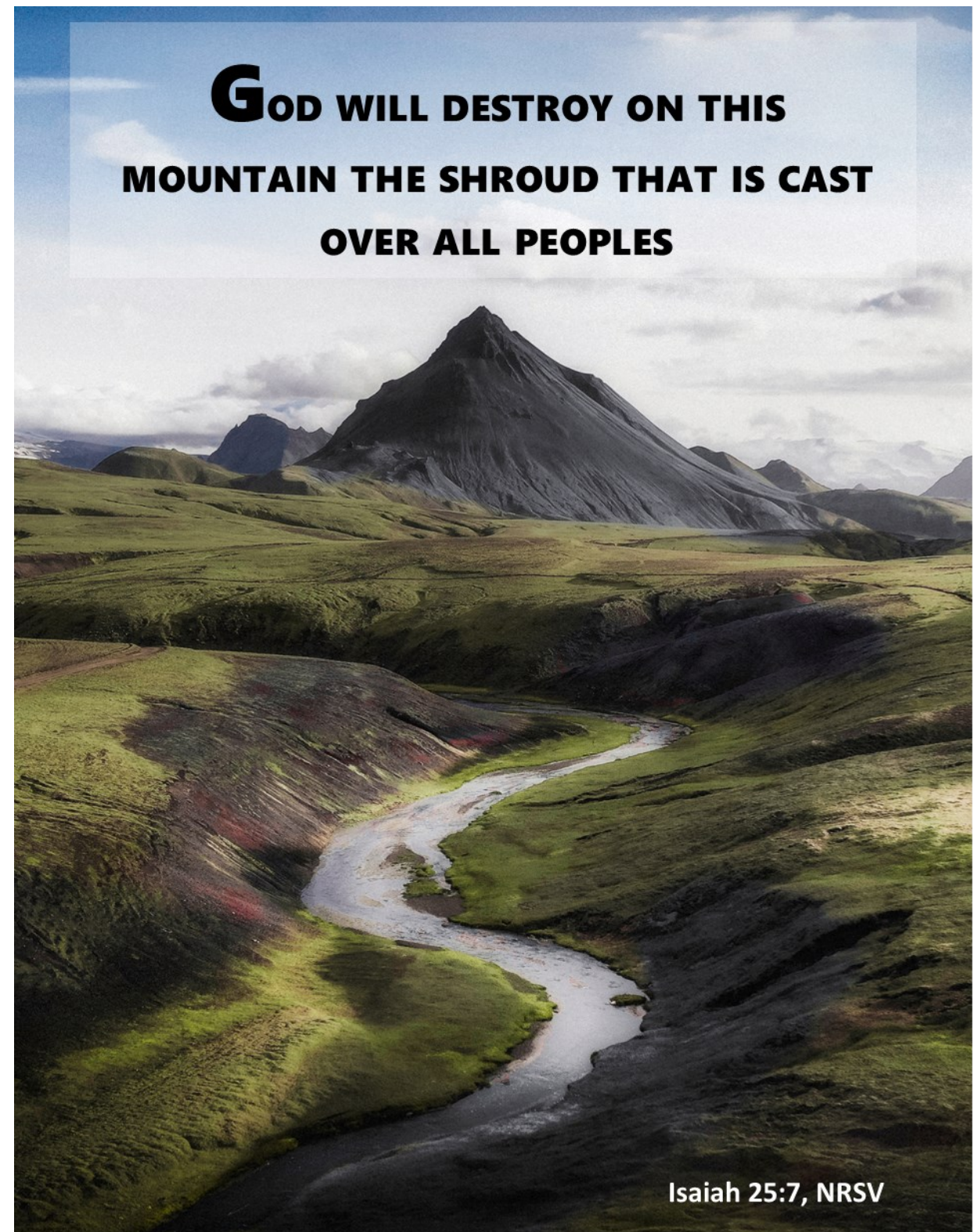
For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

* Indicates congregation standing (if able)
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (large navy blue book)
TFWS = The Faith We Sing (small navy blue paperback)



GOD WILL DESTROY ON THIS
MOUNTAIN THE SHROUD THAT IS CAST
OVER ALL PEOPLES

Isaiah 25:7, NRSV



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 3, 2024 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE Connie Sublett & Jean Williams

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Sasser, Lay Leader

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 7:9-10

One: I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying—

**All: “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

One: Today our voices join with all the host of heaven in unceasing praise.
In Jesus’ name, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* UMH 702

* PRAYER OF ADORATION based on Hebrews 12:1 & 1 Peter 5:4

One: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, you are the source of light and life.
You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.
In all times and places
your people proclaim your glory and unending praise.
We praise you this day for saints and martyrs,
faithful people in every age who have followed your Son, Jesus Christ.
As they witnessed to Christ’s resurrection,
may we be strengthened by their example
and supported by their fellowship,
that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us
and, with them, receive the unfading crown of glory.
We praise you, almighty God, through Christ, your Son, in the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

**All: 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

The United Methodist Church celebrates an open Communion Table.
According to The United Methodist Book of Worship:

*All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children are invited to
receive the bread and cup. We have no tradition of refusing any who present
themselves desiring to receive the means of God’s grace.*

If you are unable to come forward, we will be happy to come and serve you in
the pew. All ages are welcome to receive these gifts of God’s grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

All: Now we give ourselves to others.

One: Your love has made us a new people.

All: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *Marching to Zion* UMH 733

* THE GREAT BENEDICTION Jude 24-25

* SUNG DISMISSAL *Marching to Zion (refrain)* UMH 733

* POSTLUDE Connie Sublett & Jean Williams

One: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and the blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you now in our hearts.

(moment of silence)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

SUNG RESPONSE

For All the Saints (v. 4)

TFWS 2283

**Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 22:1-6
(pg. 652, Old Testament & pg. 259, New Testament, Pew Bible)

MESSAGE

No More Tears

Pastor Fleischer

PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS & FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Carter Walker Craigie

May 17, 1938—August 1, 2024

*At this time you are invited to share the names of friends or family members
who have received the promise of the resurrection since last November.
Please raise your hand and Pastor Fleischer will come to you with the microphone
so that everyone in the sanctuary and on our live broadcast will be able to fully
participate in this holy moment. A moment of silence will be observed after each name.*

One: Ever-living God,

this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.
What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

All: Their memory is a blessing for ever.

One: Weeks or months may have passed, and still we feel near to them.

Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;
for the place where once they stood is empty now.
The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

All: Their souls are bound up with ours for ever.

One: We see them now with the eye of memory,

their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.
So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.
We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

All: Their memory is a blessing for ever.

One: And we remember as well the members

who but yesterday were a part of our congregation and community.
To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.
May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith,
for now the task is ours. **Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.**

One: We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.
As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings,
and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

All: They are alive for ever more. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise

Jackie Livesay

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,
creator of heaven and earth.

Blessed are you,

God of creation and all beginnings,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE

For All the Saints (v. 1)

TFWS 2283

**For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men
accept our gratitude again.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

SUNG RESPONSE

For All the Saints (v. 2)

TFWS 2283

**For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

One: When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

SUNG RESPONSE

For All the Saints (v. 3)

TFWS 2283

**For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept our gratitude we raise.**