Revelation 7:9-17 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

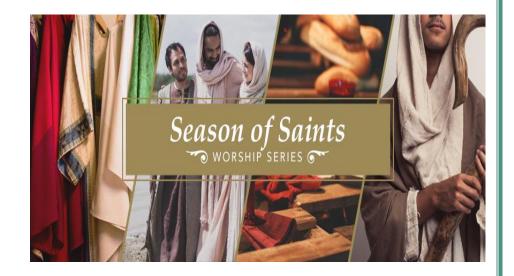
⁹ Then I looked, and there was a large crowd of people. There were so many people that no one could count them all. They were from every nation, tribe, race of people, and language of the earth. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They all wore white robes and had palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They shouted loudly, "Victory belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ The elders and the four living beings were there. All the angels were standing around them and the throne. The angels bowed down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. ¹² They said, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength belong to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are these people in white robes? Where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "You know who they are, sir."

And the elder said, "These are the ones who have come out of the great suffering. They have washed their robes with the blood of the Lamb, and they are clean and white. ¹⁵ So now these people are before the throne of God. They worship God day and night in his temple. And the one who sits on the throne will protect them. ¹⁶ They will never be hungry again. They will never be thirsty again. The sun will not hurt them. No heat will burn them. ¹⁷ The Lamb in front of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of water that give life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

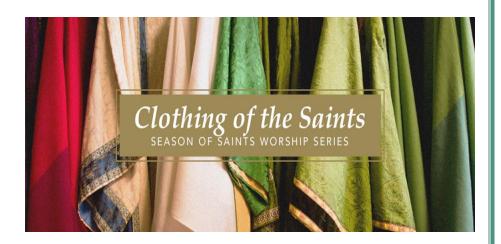


CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

22st Sunday after Pentecost November 5, 2017

All Saint's Sunday

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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us remember all the Saints who have shared the love of Jesus.

PEOPLE: We remember, O God the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

Leader: We remember, O God the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

PEOPLE: We remember, O God, the gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Leader: We remember, O God, the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection.

PEOPLE: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy as we pray together:

ALL: Oh God, in whose hands are life, death and eternal life, we thank you for all the saints, all those who have been baptized in the spirit and whom you have justified by grace and faith. We rejoice that their faithfulness has paved the way for our lives to follow. Thank you for those saints who have personally given us love and care and challenge. Amen. ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER SUNG RESPONSE: "Kum Ba Yah" #494 vs 2

OFFERING ***DOXOLOGY-** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" #95 UMH

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 7:9-17

***HYMN -** *"I Want to Be Ready"* **#722**

SERMON – "Wearing White Robes!"

THE LORD'S SUPPER - insert

*HYMN - "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #614 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – "I'll Fly Away" #2282 TFWS v1 PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS* – *The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal**Please stand as you are able.
If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!
We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a

time of fellowship.



*HYMN - "For All the Saints" #711 UMH