

EDISTO ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us in faith. We give thanks for their witness, their love, and the ways they shaped our lives and this church.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, for the saints of God have shown us the way.

We rejoice and leap for joy, for great is our reward in heaven.

The poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, the merciful— all are gathered in God's blessing.

We join the great cloud of witnesses, lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Come, let us worship the Lord,

who crowns the saints with glory and calls us to follow Christ.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray:

Eternal God, you have knit together your people in every age, gathering saints from every nation, tribe, and tongue. On this holy day, we give thanks for those who have gone before us, who taught us faith, who showed us mercy, who lived the Beatitudes in word and deed. Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power in Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, you call us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to give without expecting return. Yet we confess that we cling to comfort, we hoard what we have, we repay hurt with hurt. Forgive us, O Lord. By your Spirit, make us merciful as you are merciful, and holy as you are holy.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ has claimed us as his own, and in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

PSALTER

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1: 11-23

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6: 20-31

SERMON

***HYMN #**

PASTORAL PRAYER

In the Pastoral Prayer this morning, we will begin by naming one of our own saints, Charlie Boozer, who entered the Church Triumphant this past year. In a few moments, you will be invited to speak aloud the names of saints in your own lives (living and deceased)—family, friends, mentors, pastors, or anyone whose faith has touched you. As we lift these names together, we will join our voices with the great cloud of witnesses, giving thanks to God for the communion of saints. As each name is called out, you are asked to respond: **“Thanks be to God!”**.

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, you have given us every spiritual blessing in Christ and promised us an inheritance with all the saints. Receive these gifts, that they may be used to lift up the poor, feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowful, and proclaim the good news of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION #15

“A Service of Word and Table III”

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We praise you for uniting us with Christ and with all the saints who have gone before us. Strengthen us now by your Spirit to live as your blessed people— to rejoice in hope, to serve with mercy, to love even our enemies, and to walk in the way of Christ’s kingdom. Send us forth in peace, until we feast together at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #**

***SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**

We go forth as the blessed people of God:

poor in spirit, yet rich in grace,

hungry for righteousness, yet filled with hope,

sorrowful, yet rejoicing, merciful and generous in love.

Go forth to live as saints in this world,

trusting the power of Christ,

and shining with the light of his kingdom.

Amen.