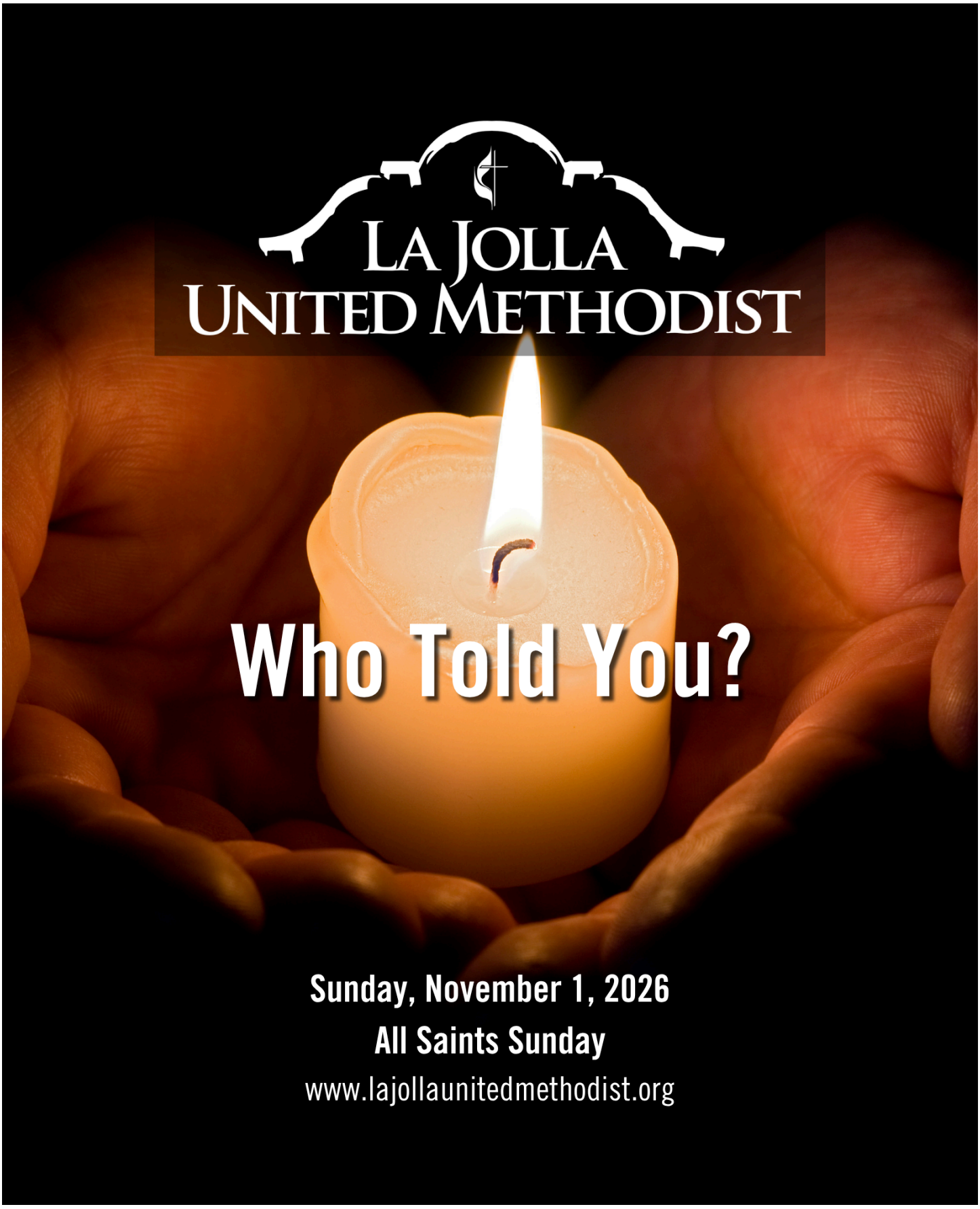

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music *Aria* G.F. Handel

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Call to Worship – Liturgist

One: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
All: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

One: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
All: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

One: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
All: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

One: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
All: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

Congregational Introit *Christ Beside Me* TFWS 2166

1. Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.

3. Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* UMH 90

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,

virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia!, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Elementary aged children will be excused for a time of teaching.

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NRSVue)

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem *In the Sweet By andBy* Arr. Howard Helvey
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Message *Who Told You?* Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Peaceful Piano #5* Mark Hayes
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† Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Confession

All: We remember and confess that we are beloved children of God now and forever. And we acknowledge that what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God.

So when we remember that Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God, we pray: may we be more like Jesus. When we remember that Jesus fed those who were hungry, we pray: may we be more like Jesus. When we remember that Jesus drew near to those living on the margins, we pray: may we be more like Jesus. When we remember that Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need, we pray: may we be more like Jesus. When we remember that Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness, we pray: may we be more like Jesus.

One: Beloved children of God, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering, and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day, Living witness to the good news of God's grace. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people, saints and instruments of God's way. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion Musical Setting A UMH 17

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The 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 the food we need.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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, and ever and ever.

Communion Song *You Feed Us, Gentle Savior* W & S 3169

1. You feed us, gentle Savior, the bread that makes us whole,
the wine of your compassion poured out into our soul.
The food of your own presence, your Spirit, strong, within,
the grace that heals us deeply and overcomes our sin.

2. You bind us, gentle Savior, and weave us into one,
one flesh and blood made holy, the Body of your Son.
We gather here in hunger, one hunger, all the same;
and with one grace you bless us together in his name.

3. You call us, gentle Savior, and send us in your name.
You teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.

So, strengthened by your Spirit and nourished by your grace,
we go to be your presence in love, in every place.

Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn *For All the Saints, Vs. 1-3, 6* UMH 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia

† Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary* John Stanley

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