

Refrain

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

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*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:*

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Scripture Lesson

Psalm 146: 1-10

Dr. Michelle Morris

Let my whole being praise the LORD!

²I will praise the LORD with all my life;

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

³Don't trust leaders;

don't trust any human beings—

there's no saving help with them!

⁴Their breath leaves them,

then they go back to the ground.

On that very same day, their plans die too.

⁵The person whose help is the God of Jacob—

*the person whose hope rests on the LORD their God—
is truly happy!*

⁶God: the maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

God: who is faithful forever,

⁷ who gives justice to people who are oppressed,

who gives bread to people who are starving!

The LORD: who frees prisoners.

⁸ The LORD: who makes the blind see.

The LORD: who straightens up those who are bent low.

The LORD: who loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD: who protects immigrants,

who helps orphans and widows,

but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

¹⁰The LORD will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the LORD!

(Common English Bible)

Anthem	“When the Saints” Words and Music by Sara Groves	Mr. Ken Weatherford The Band and The Chancel Choir
Sermon	“Bentonville First”	Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris
Offertory Moment		Rev. Andrea Cummings
Offertory	“O How Amiable” By R. Vaughan Williams	The Chancel Choir Dr. T. Ray Wheeler, Director

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**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Andrea Cummings

**Sung Responses
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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 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.**

Taking the Bread and Cup

Rev. Andréá Cummings

Closing Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

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*In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.*

*In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Closing Song

“O When the Saints”
Traditional

Mr. Ken Weatherford
The Band