

A Call to Worship on All Saints Day
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Stauffer Chapel
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We praise the name of God our Savior, whose faithfulness toward us is constant and from everlasting to everlasting. He is our God—all powerful and ever living, and we rejoice in him. We rejoice in Christ, who is our hope—the first-fruits of the Spirit—who broke the bonds of death, triumphed over the grave and led a host of captives in his train. We acknowledge the life that fills us and that wells up from the ever living spring of the Holy Spirit within, who strengthens us and indwells the whole church---past, present, and future.

We rejoice in the holy and faithful men and women of every time and place who have embraced the call of God and served him with their lives, verily, who gave their lives for his name’s sake. We express gratitude for the faithful witness of those who have gone before us and thru whom the light of Christ shone brightly and thru whom the work of reconciliation, the care of the poor, the proclamation of the good news, and the love of God was made known in the world.

Today we take our stand among the community of the faithful. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we find peace and strength in the presence of God and in the community of the faithful. We draw courage from their witnesses to persevere, and we commit our lives to holiness and faithful living. We draw strength from their witness and we surrender our lives as faithful servants of God.

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