

Seeing God

November 1 - 22, 2020

“taste and see that the LORD is good” – Psalm 34:8

There are so many who have formed us into who we are today: people of faith, lovers of God, strivers for justice. These are the people who made us want to be more, to look deeper, to find kindness and compassion within ourselves and others. They are family and friends, strangers and neighbors. They are with us now and they are long gone. They are reminders that who we are and the work we do is not done alone. We are a community, beloved children of God.

November 1 – Cloud of Witnesses

“there was a great multitude...from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” – Revelation 7:9-17

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On this All Saints' Day, we celebrate those who have gone before us. We have learned from them and strive to emulate their strengths. With them, with all who have gone before us, we are the body of Christ, a multitude praising God. In our different gifts and experiences, we teach one another and live toward God's hope for us all.

November 8 – Blessed are we

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” – Matthew 5:6

Matthew 5:1-12

We often learn the most, grow the most in ourselves and in our faith, through our struggles. Jesus teaches what we have seen lived out in the lives of so many, that even in our struggles we are blessed, happy in God. We see power, not of arrogance and supposed authority, but of those who put others first, who have loved and know the sorrow of loss. We see strength, not in feats of arms, but in those who stand for what is right and speak God's words.

November 15 – Pass it on

“See what love the Father has given us” – 1 John 3:1

1 John 3:1-3

What love we have in God! Love that we have experienced in embodied ways through the love of others. We are children of God and together we proclaim hope in what God is doing, even though we may not yet see it. We have learned trust in God and the unexpected ways that God moves in the world and through us.

November 22 – Lives of thanks

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Psalm 34:1-10, 22

God has gifted us in so many ways. We have been taught how to lead in love and justice, how to be with God and others through difficult times. We have received words of hope and lived experiences in which we can trust that God is with us. We have been given people who have loved us and formed us. Let us give thanks for all God's gives. For all lives, which are Gods.