## All Saints Service

**Opening Words** (responsively)

**One:** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

All: And also with you.

**One:** We gather in the strong name of God.

All: God gives birth to all life.

**One:** In the name of Jesus our Savior.

All: Jesus lives for forgiveness and freedom.

One: In the name of the Holy Spirit.

All: The Spirit of God gives comfort and power.

**One:** We gather in the shelter of the Most High God.

All: We live in God's shadow who is our refuge and fortress,

the God in whom we trust.

One: God delivers us from all evil.

All: And under loving wings we find refuge and protection.

One: We need not fear the night.

All: Or the troubles of each day.

One: We live in God.

All: And God lives in us.

One: We seek God as a refuge.

All: And we live forever in the presence of God.

One: God's angels come to guard and guide us.

All: And listen when we cry out for help.

One: God knows our name.

All: And answers when we call. God of life, lift us up and carry us.

Make our lives to shine like the sun and comfort us as you hold

us in the palm of your hand.

**Prayer for the One I Missed** (Pastor)

Jesus, you wept over the death of Lazarus. Show me, my Lazarus, the one who brings most tears to my eyes. Show me my Bethany,

the good times I miss. Show me how you wept with Martha, Mary, and now with me.

Jesus, your love filled Lazarus with new life. Show me, my Lazarus, breathing deeply your risen life. Show me, my Lazarus, together with you, breathing your life into me. Show me how each breath fills the empty places within myself.

Jesus, you asked us to unbind Lazarus. Show me how I can unbind, my Lazarus, with forgiveness and love as deep as yours. Show me how I am to let go and love others with this love. And show me your dream to have us grow closer in your embrace now and forever. Amen.

## **Lighting of Candles**

Name	Birthday	Death
Robert Eugene Woodworth	08-19-1918	01-21-2011
Vail Hall Moore	12-18-1911	04-24-2011
Dorothy Dewey Rhodes	08-20-1920	08-03-2011
Steven J. Smith	09-17-1968	10-14-2011

## **Silent Prayer**

**Hymn** *"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"* PH, #438