“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, November 1, 2026)

Share:
What kind of love has God given us?
A love that proclaims we are God’s very own.
What kind of promise has God given us?
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
What kind of future has God given us?
God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power and might
be to our God, forever and always!

Read these words from a hymn: *Rejoice in God’s Saints*

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saint forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Read this scripture from worship: Revelation 7:9-17, *The Message*

9-12 I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were *standing*, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing: Salvation to our God on his Throne! Salvation to the Lamb!
All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing: Oh, Yes! The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, the honor and power and strength, to our God forever and ever and ever! Oh, Yes!
13-14 Just then one of the Elders addressed me: “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?” Taken aback, I said, “O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know.”

14-17 Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, *The Message*

9-12 You remember us in those days, friends, working our fingers to the bone, up half the night, moonlighting so you wouldn’t have the burden of supporting us while we proclaimed God’s Message to you. You saw with your own eyes how discreet and courteous we were among you, with keen sensitivity to you as fellow believers. And God knows we weren’t freeloaders! You experienced it all firsthand. With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom, into this delightful life.

13 And now we look back on all this and thank God, a geyser of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn’t pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God’s true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!

Talk Together:

- Who are you remembering today? What “precious memories” do you have?
- Who are the saints who have formed you? If they are living, have you ever talked with them about how their lives have shaped your own?
- Did they give you advice? What difference did their love make in how you received their advice?
- Which specific promise in Revelation (no hunger, no thirst, no scorching heat, or wiped tears) resonates most deeply with the trials we experience today?
- How does the image of a Lamb at the center of a throne acting as a shepherd speak to you?
- How does living a life worthy of God challenge your daily actions?
- How can you cultivate a heart that allows God’s word to actively "work" inside you rather than just treating it as information?
- How will you “mean to be a saint” this week in your walk with God?

Pray together:

Everlasting God, in the beginning there was you. Ever since, you have made yourself known to us through ancestors, siblings in faith, and loved ones who have left us. We remember each of the many saints who touched our lives and, however imperfectly, showed us your way of love. Keep us in the great cloud of their witness, that we may be guided by them and by you, now and forever. In the name of Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.