

## LITANY OF SAINTS

*In preparation, please open a hymnal or a Bible to view the name of the person memorialized on the dedication bookplate in the front.*

**One:** God our Creator, we praise you for the saints; for saints who have gone before us; for saints who are in our midst; for the sainthood of all.

**All:** God of love, we thank you for the saints who have loved us;

**One:** For the families through whom we were created, the people who first loved us and taught us of your love;

**All:** For relatives and friends who responded to our needs;  
for relatives and friends who needed our love;

**One:** For matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets and priests; for disciples, apostles, leaders and servants;

**All:** For pastors and missionaries, deacons and elders;  
for teachers and healers, clerks and cooks.

**One:** God, to whom we come in faith, we thank you for the faith of the saints;

**All:** For Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph;  
for Hannah and Elijah, Elizabeth and John;

**One:** For Augustine and Catherine of Siena, Mother Teresa and Sojourner Truth;

**All:** For Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and John Witherspoon;

**One:** For pastors of Highland: George Staples, Gene Kirkman, Ben Kirkland, Malcolm Anderton, and Jim Banbury;

**All:** For those memorialized in our hymnals and Bibles whose names we speak.

*In unison, please speak the name of the person memorialized in the hymnal or Bible before you.*

One: For those dear to us in our families, or in this church family whose memory we continue to treasure.

*In unison, please speak the name of the person.*

One: God, who has gathered us as saints, we remember the saints who have gone before us this past year:

Mintha Beane

Carolyn Johnson

Karen Robertson

Heather Greene

One: We remember with gratitude these loved ones who, having given their witness, now abide in your care.

**All: And we commit ourselves to build on their gifts of faith, so that future saints might rejoice in the foundation you have prepared for them through our service. Amen.**