



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, November 6, 2022)

**BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

**FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Jane Kerr in birthday celebrations of Jane and Lillian Rooks and in memory of Sherry Jones.

Prelude: ***How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*** Johannes Brahms

*How lovely are Thy dwelling places, Lord of Hosts! My soul longs and yearns for the forecourts of the Lord; my body and soul delight themselves in the living God.*

*Blessed are they who live in your house, they praise you ever more. ~*

Psalm 84:1,2,4

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Erika Rissi, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in the Litany for the Saints.

### **Litany for the Saints**

For all the saints who have gone before us,

**God, we give thanks for all our ancestors in the faith.**

For all the saints who have been beloved to us,

**God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

For all the saints who left us too soon,

**God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

For all the saints who have exemplified a faithful life,

**God, may we learn from their examples and follow you.**

On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

**[speak aloud the names of the saints we have lost]**

For all the saints, God, we give thanks to you;

**On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are your children.**

**We thank you for those who have gone before us.**

**May we forgive those whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive.**

**May we know that we are forgiven for our own sins.**

**May we know that we are loved by the same God, from this life into eternity.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, who lived, who died and who lives eternally.**

**Amen and amen.**

**Opening Hymn:**      "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Pastoral Prayer

### Time with Children

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

**Almighty God, your word is life and your promises are trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, write your word upon our hearts, that we may, with all your saints, be your faithful people and your new creation. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

(Liturgist)

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;

<sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;

<sup>7</sup>he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>33</sup>He turns rivers into a desert,  
springs of water into thirsty ground,

<sup>34</sup>a fruitful land into a salty waste,  
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

<sup>35</sup>He turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.

<sup>36</sup> And there he lets the hungry live,  
and they establish a town to live in;  
<sup>37</sup> they sow fields, and plant vineyards,  
and get a fruitful yield.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Saints Among Us

Rev. Michelle Fincher

**Hymn after Sermon:** "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days  
With wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.  
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,  
And in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,  
Then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well known.  
Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,  
And tell the world what God has done, Praise God and God alone!

Call to offering (Liturgist)  
How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in light of God's wondrous,  
generous love to us? Thank you for your offerings which make the ministries of  
this church possible. With glad hearts, let us pray together our prayer of  
dedication. . .

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**You are good to us and gracious beyond measure, O God. In this life you comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, embracing us in your endless light, surrounding us with your eternal love, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. Receive our offerings, we pray, as a tangible expression of our gratitude, a way your redeemed "say so" to our neighbors near and far. Amen.**

## To Share in the Lord's Supper

Call to Confession

(Pastor Michelle)

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in our time of need. Let us pray. . .

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace; the compassion we could offer dissolves in fear, hostility, and judgment. Forgive our sinful ways, Lord. Tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ, in whose name we pray.**

Silent Confession

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Saints, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news!

**Let the redeemed say so: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!  
Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

(Sanctus)

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Communion of the People

Communion Song: "As We Are"

Words and music by Judy Viccellio

Prayer after Communion

**Closing Hymn:** "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.

Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear, saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.

Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways, but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise

For the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes

When he blesses bread and breaks it--truth and manna from above!--and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Benediction

Postlude:

***Let Us Rejoice***

Arr. Lani Smith

*And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia!*

*Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us*  
*home.*

*Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,

David Maley, pianist, Erika Rissi, liturgist,

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