

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
All Saints' Day
November 1, 2020

Prelude *Prelude in G Major* William Walond

A brief silence

The Gathering

Leader: We meet in the presence of God
All: **who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

All light their candle in witness to the presence of the risen Christ in our midst.

Leader: Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all, as we come before you in grief and praise this day, comfort us with your presence, make us attentive to your voice, and sustain us with the hope of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Leader: Free us, God of mercy, from all that keeps us from you; relieve the misery of the anxious and the bereaved, and fill us with the hope of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Leader: O Christ, Son of the living God, help us when we are too cast down to pray, and grant that we may trust you all our days, for you are with us in our living and our dying, Jesus, Lord and God.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Leader: In the darkness of unknowing, when your love seems absent, draw near to us, O God, in Christ forsaken, in Christ risen, our Redeemer and our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Opening Hymn ELW 636 *How small our span of life (Verses 1, 2, 4 in the back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: The Lord is glorious in her saints:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Canticle 9:

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-12

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Lament *(adapted from Psalm 130)*

Leader: Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord,
Let your ears be open to hear my voice.
Congregation: **My hope is in God's word.**

Leader: If you recorded all our sins who could come before you?
Congregation: **My hope is in God's word.**

Leader: There is forgiveness with you: therefore you shall be feared.
Congregation **My hope is in God's word.**

Leader: My soul is longing for the Lord, more than those who watch for daybreak.
Congregation: **My hope is in God's word**.

Leader: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.
Congregation **My hope is in God's word**.
Leader: O God, we commend to your faithful love those who are crying from the depths; help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness, in sure hope of the dawn of your forgiveness and redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Reader: The Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
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Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept, and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers, and
bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Honoring and Remembering

Candles are now lit for those people we wish to remember.

A Litany for the Dying, the Departed, and the Grieving
This litany is based on Psalm 40:1, and Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Anne and Jeffery Rowthorn, Resident Scholars of the Collegeville Institute, wrote it in response to their concern for a dear friend who died alone in a Connecticut hospital, and for his wife and children who, due to hospital regulations and "stay at home orders," were unable to visit and make their farewells. It broke their hearts.

For the Broken Hearted and the Crushed in Spirit

Creator God of the Universe, God of a thousand names and faces; in your mercy we implore you to hear the cries of the broken hearted and the crushed in Spirit. As we struggle to understand, you teach us that for everything there is a season, and a time for everything under heaven: a time to break down, a time to weep, a time to die, a time to keep silence, and always, a time to love. During this sad season of the coronavirus pandemic, we pray to you, confident that you will hear us in our distress.

For all who are sick at home, in hospitals, field hospitals, nursing homes and waiting for treatment in emergency rooms. God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For all who are dying in hospitals alone, denied visits from family members. God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For those who have died, now free from every trace of illness; may they be held in the embrace of God who wipes away every pain and sorrow and leads the departed all the way home. God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For the husbands, wives and partners who are deprived of one final visit, one final look and feel, one final embrace, one final opportunity to say one last time, "I love you." God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For the children of the dying, robbed of the opportunity to say, "Thank you, Mom." "Thank you, Dad." "You will be forever in our hearts. " God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For all who grieve their departed loved ones, especially those divided by distance and the isolation imposed by "stay in place" orders. God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

For family members who suffer due to their inability to plan funerals and bury their dead, God is near to the broken hearted—

and saves the crushed in Spirit.

Holy God of the Universe: we cry out to you for help, and we pray that you will rescue us from all our troubles and bring about an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Be with us as we long for a time of healing, a time to build up, a time to laugh, a time to dance, a time to embrace, and a time for peace.

People are invited to add their own petitions.

We pray out of the depths of our hearts to you, God of the broken hearted and the crushed in Spirit, O God of hope.
Amen.

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The Story Wheel Joy Harjo

Benediction

Sending Hymn 526 *Let saints on earth in concert sing (Verses 1, 2, 4 in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude *Thou in heaven above* Paul Manz

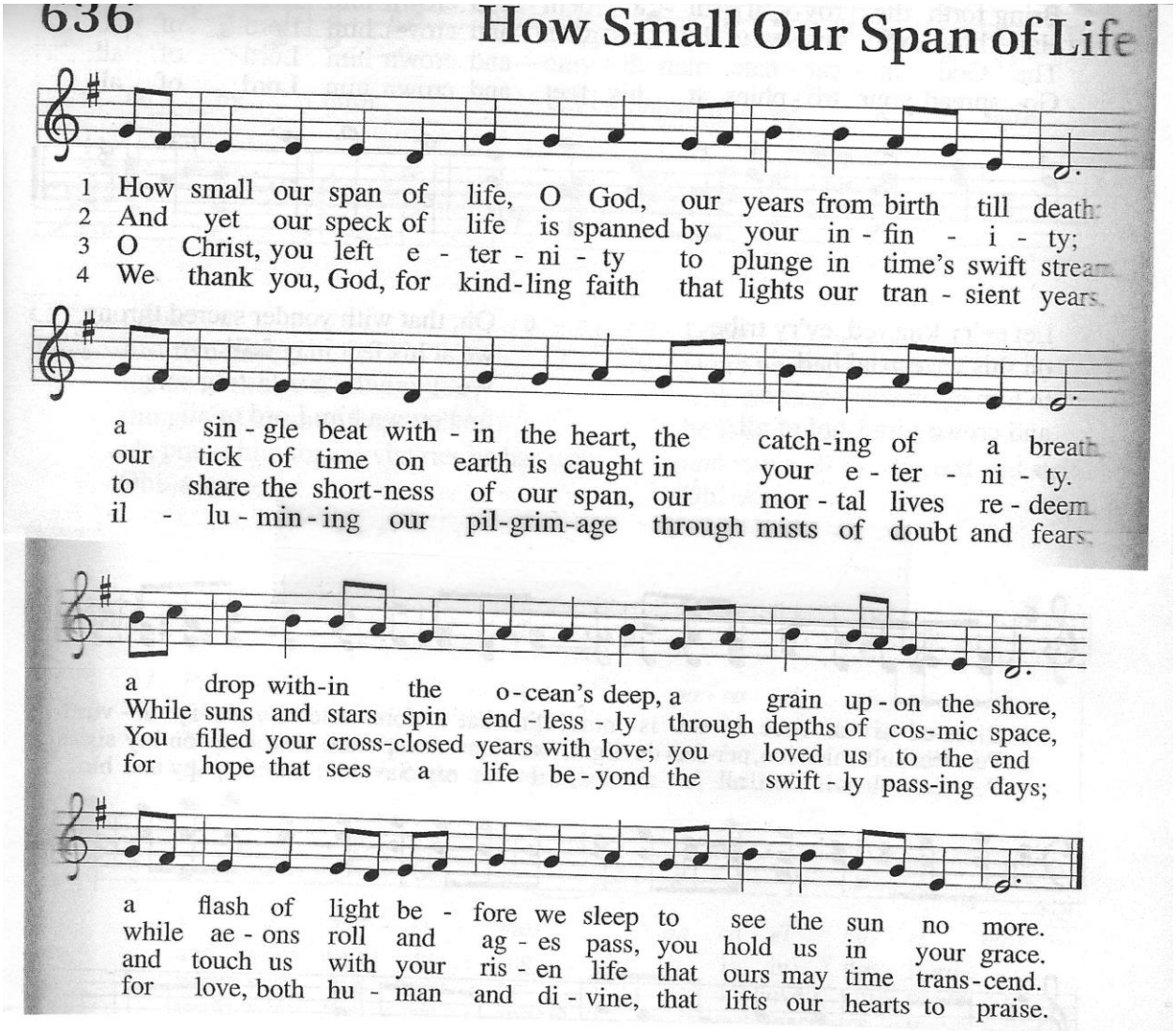
Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

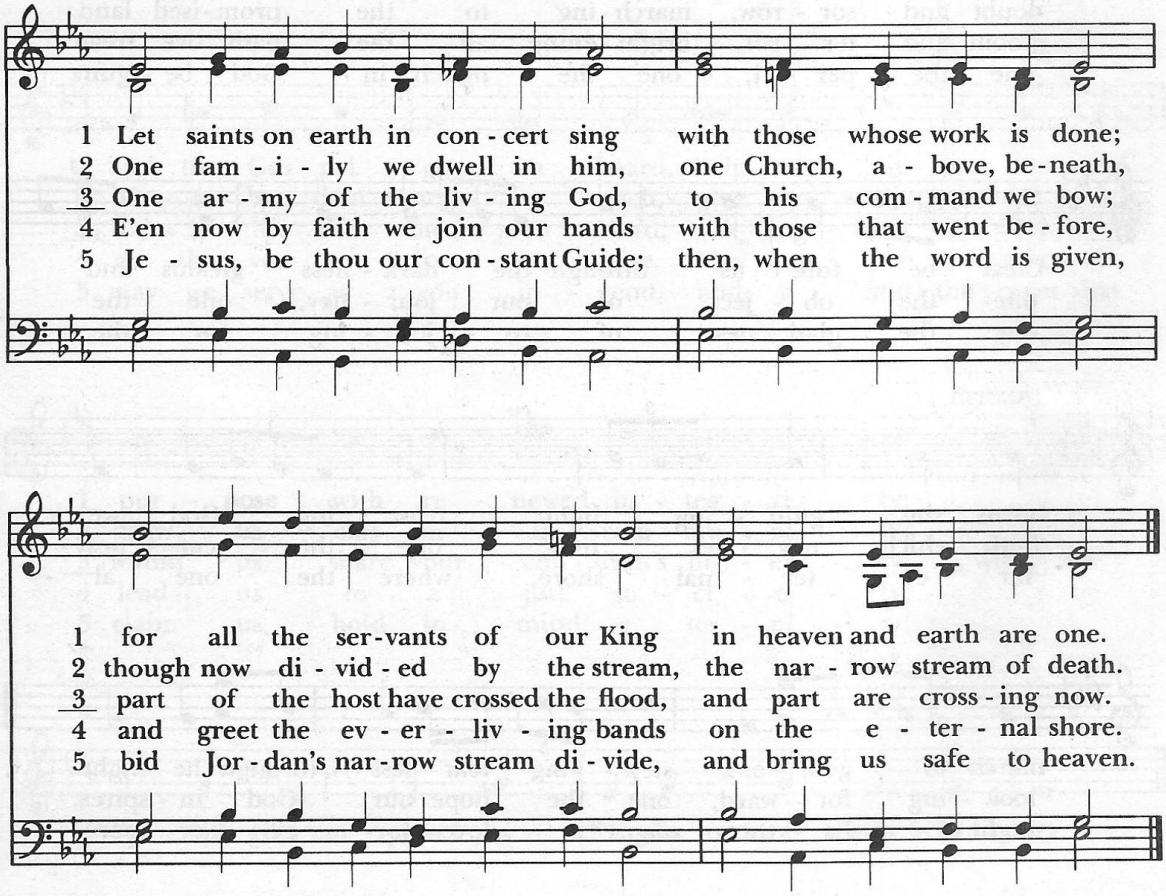
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The Church 526



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Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt. CM