

Plymouth Congregational Church
The Worship of God
November 1, 2020
Ten o'clock
All Saints Sunday

PRELUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN #751 *For All the Saints (verses 1 and 2)* **TUNE: SINE NOMINE**
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!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord their
captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise the God of ages past,
who fills our future with hope!
Let us worship the Lord our God,
the same yesterday today and forevermore!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, from age to age, from day to day, you watch over us. You seek us when we lose our way. We thank you for choosing to dwell among your children. In Christ, you have revealed your truth and grace for all people. Sustainer of every humble heart, as we worship, pour your Spirit upon your people. Strengthen the ties that bind us to you and to one another. We ask these things in the name of your beloved Son who taught us to pray saying,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

In the rising of the sun and in its going down
we remember those who have gone before us.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

In Christ's resurrection you opened the gates of eternal life.

Free us from the fear of death.

In the power of your Holy Spirit, you comfort us and renew our strength.

Free us to live as people of hope.

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**Sara Burnsed, Anne Childress, Charles Conn, Robert (Bob) Coultas,
Eddie Cox, Jerry Crockett, Baudouin ("Bo") de Saint-Seine, John Due,
Luis Echenique, Richard Friberg, Maria Garcia, Donald Ginn,
Patricia York Ibberson, Joseph Klock Sr., C. Frasuer Knight, Tegan Lane,
Mary Jo McCalley, Jean Meadowcroft, Clause Junior Miller, Grace Nutley,
Arva Parks, Lewis Peters, William Scott Piper III, Elsie Rumpf,
Bob Sabelhaus, Troy Christopher Sample, David Sampson,
Douglas Sandberg, Susan Schaber, Laura Scornavacca-Duchaine,
Sunanda Srikantiah, Doreen Smith, Konstantinos Tsaoussis,
Victor Vaccaro, Theodore Vanner, Winston Clay Walker,
Jeannette (Gigi) Ward, Joy Shelby Hairston Ward, Ladonna Zack**

We give thanks for those who have run the race of faith before us and now surround us like a cloud of witnesses.

Eternal God, through the promises of your steadfast faithfulness, the love of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, draw us into a community of trust, hope, and love. Amen.

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But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant

Rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl stream in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Moira McGuinn

ANTHEM*My Prayer For You*

Michael Farren

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:10-14

¹⁰ “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

SERMON*“Looking Forward, Looking Back”*

Rev. Al Bunis

SERMON RESPONSE**PASTORAL PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;
The world and those who dwell in it
For He founded it upon the seas
And established it upon the rivers.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
Who desires not what is vain.

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OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up* arr. James Michael Stevens

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Saints and Beloved of God

Dan Schutte

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis

Liturgist: Rev. Moira McGuinn

Music Director: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Chris Toth

Soloist: Elissa Lakofsky

Would you like to receive prayer anytime? We offer the opportunity to request and receive prayer through our Plymouth Prayer Partners Ministry. To request prayer, email at any time either [Gwen Saunders](#), or [Maria Reyero](#). The members of this Ministry will pray for you.

Would you like to have one-on-one prayer today? If you would like to speak to one of our Prayer Partners on the phone, please [follow this link](#), and one of our members will call you back today and pray with you.