

First Presbyterian Evanston

November 7, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Sunday

FOCUS

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

(Music: American Folk Traditional, arr. Rebecca Sun Y. Chu)

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angel's feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river...

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

(Blue Hymnal #526, selected verses; Words: William Walsham How, 1864;

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, CCLI Song #2645678)

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!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,

And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

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!

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14,16*)

All: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are

trustworthy and true.” 6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Sermon

The Victory of Heaven

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: 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 God our thanks and praise.

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

(Prayer)...And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Send down your Holy Spirit...

(Prayer)...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Our Lord Jesus Christ...

(Words of Institution)...Do this in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Anthem

At the Table

(Words & Music: Richard Smallwood, 1999)

Come on in where the table is spread, And the feast of the Lord is going on! Joy is here where the table is spread, And the feast of the Lord is going on! Love is here where the table is spread, And the feast of the Lord is going on! Seekin' healing for your body, it's over here,

*Seekin' for the healing of your soul, over here! Seekin' for your souls' salvation, it's over here,
If you want the Lord to make you whole, over here! Come on in where the table is spread...*

Prayer after Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore, 2015; CCLI Song #7041364)

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

Benediction

Postlude

For All the Saints

(Jacob Weber, b. 1988)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Confession & Assurance

Kim Langlois, Scripture Reading

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children and Youth, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Communion, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sharing of Tithes, Communion

Betsey Newenhuyse & Dick Warnecke, Elders, Communion Servers

Rebecca Chu, Organist, Prelude, Postlude

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano; **Daniel Allen & Christie Miller**, Guitars;

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; Worship Band

Members of the Chancel Choir; Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Welcome, Children's Message & Peace, Choir Director

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jim Teague, Communications Director, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Mike Denesha & Kim Klamm, Prayer Companions

Richard Bell, Carol Smith, Anne van Heukelem, Agape Meal Preparation

First Pres Announcements

Congregational meeting after today's service - A special meeting of the congregation scheduled by session will be held immediately following today's worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the associate pastor relationship and approve the terms of separation. All active members of the church are invited.

Agape Meal + Mitri Raheb Book Launch TODAY - FPCE members and friends are invited to our monthly Agape Meal today at 12:00, when we welcome our Mission partner Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb as he launches his new book "The Politics of Persecution." This special time of fellowship will be held in the Dining room & Parlor, and is our way of continuing the feast we celebrated at the communion table earlier in Worship. We will enjoy a wonderful meal of Gumbo (prepared by Richard, Anne, and Carol) and have the opportunity to meet Mitri, hear some of the inspiration for his new book, as well as purchase a copy for yourself from Bright Stars of Bethlehem. For more information, please contact Kelly Levander - klevander@firstpresevanston.org for more information about the book or how you can attain a copy if you cannot attend.

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

Missions hosts a class & film series on racial injustice as seen through the lens of Jesus' life and teachings. Classes are in Room 213. Learn more online.

Youth/Children's Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

Infants thru 3 year olds – Nursery care is available on the first floor, up the short stairs to the south.

4 year olds thru 5th grade – Gather in the dining room each Sunday.

6th and 7th grades – Meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge.

Confirmation Class: 8th and 9th grades – Meet in room 206.

10th thru 12th grades – Contact Pastor Amanda for Education Hour options.

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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
and the world.***



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