



Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
November 7, 2021  
All Saints Sunday

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Adagio from Sonata I - Felix Mendelssohn  
Wade in the Water - Roger Emerson  
For All the Saints - PH#306  
We're Marching to Zion - Gordon Young

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Prelude

Adagio from Sonata I - Felix Mendelssohn

Dot Bowe

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

Passing of the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

One: When the world points us in the direction of despair,

**All: We gather and remember God.**

One: Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

**All: We believe that justice will come.**

**We believe that love can transform.**

**We believe that God will make all things new.**

One: With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

**The Lord's Prayer** (from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas)

*Prayed with alternating sides...*

Side 1

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.

Lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

Side 2

Our Mother

Who is in all the earth

Holy is your truth

May your wisdom come

Your circle be one uniting heaven and earth

Give us today a nurturing spirit.

Heal through us as we ourselves are healed.

Lead us into Fullness of life.

And liberate all that is good.

For the Wisdom, the Presence, and Goodness  
are yours.

**All: Now and Forever.**

**Amen.**

Rhythm Moment

Dot Bowe and Max Evrard

Scripture Readings

Revelation 21:1-6a

Rev. Reebee Girash

21:1 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.

21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

21:4 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.”

21:5 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.”

21:6a Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Remembering the Saints

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## The Service of Communion

*Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God; there are no requirements of age or church membership.*

## Invitation to Communion

One: We gather at this table, God's table

**All: The table has been set long before we were born**

One: There are places for all who have gone before us

**All: We take their hands as we approach to be received**

One: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

**All: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations**

One: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

**All: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us**

One: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

**All: This is the table for all the saints of God.**

## Prayer of Confession

**God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ’s justice and compassion in our own time.**

## Assurance

### **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*Zoom participants are invited to participate in Communion at home.*

## Communion Music

### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, Most Holy God,  
for refreshment at your table  
where along with your saints  
we receive all Christ’s gifts.  
Provide for your church on earth a strong faith  
and increased love for one another.  
Give us the grace to praise you with our lives  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Wade in the Water - Roger Emerson

Pilgrim Church Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

**God, you have given us the simplest and most challenging commandment: love one another. In service to this calling, we offer these gifts and pray for this community. May we build each other up in love. May we be challenged to learn from each other. May we provide for and protect one another. And may this love, in this place, be carried from here to the edges of the earth. By your grace, we pray you make it so. Amen.**



# \*Communion Hymn For All the Saints - PH#306

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
iFight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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For All the Saints

First Tune

*William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.*

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*R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-*

*In unison*

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by faith be -  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap - tain  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle,  
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con - fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
dis - tant tri - umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes chords and arpeggiated figures. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with some words in italics. The score concludes with the phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.' in a larger font.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

We're Marching to Zion - Gordon Young

Dot Bowe

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Thank you to **Doug Johnston**, today's Zoom host.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am