



# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 31, 2021  
11:00am  
All Saints Day

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## PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## We Gather as God's People

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team

### PRELUDE

Prelude in D from Well-Tempered Clavier Bk 1, BWV 850

J. S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-3

Lucy Freeman, liturgist

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

### \*HYMN #275

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Written by Martin Luther around 1527, this hymn became one of the most beloved hymns of the Protestant Reformation. The early 16<sup>th</sup> century was an era of tremendous social, political, and economic transition. It was also an era of religious conflict. Luther, through the words of this hymn, assures us that no matter what we are experiencing, God's care and love for us never falters.*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of moral ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

In the presence of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Seeking God's mercy, let us confess the truth about our motivations, our choices, our lives that we might embrace the grace God offers.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing but we do not always believe or even discern your presence in our world. You invite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. You challenge us to respond to the needs of our neighbors with compassion and generosity, but we hoard and hide what we have to give. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts and keep us alert to the wonders of your work in the world every day. Hear now our silent, individual confessions.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

## We Share God's Word

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12

### SERMON

**Lift Your Drooping Hands. Strengthen Your Weak Knees.**

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

### SPECIAL MUSIC

For All the Saints

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### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**from A Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**OFFERING**

Offertory

Offertory Music

\*Hymn of Dedication #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prelude in D-flat (Raindrop), Op 28, No 15

“Doxology”

Frédéric Chopin

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

**Remembering the Saints**

Daphne Richardson

Miriam Simcox

**Our 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.*

**\*HYMN #326**

**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!

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 blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**We Go Forth As God’s People**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**May the Love of the Lord**

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.**

**May God’s love dwell in you, throughout every day.**

**May God’s countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

**May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**\*You are invited to stand.**

**Worship Leadership** Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Lucy Freeman, Liturgist  
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ron Skinner, audio and video  
Ushers: Ruth Hines, Janet Johnson Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

**WORSHIP NOTES** Based on CDC data and the COVID 19 infection rate in our county and state, we are **requiring** that all people wear masks during worship. Masks are available at the welcome table.