

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

\*Opening Hymn #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" C. WESLEY

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: What is faith?

**People: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

Leader: By faith Abel, Noah, Abraham and Sarah were called by God to serve the Lord of blessings and receive an inheritance; and yet, not knowing where they were going, they looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**People: All these persons died in faith without having received the promises, but they saw and greeted them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth. They desired a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God.**

Leader: By faith Moses and the people left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger, and passed through the Red Sea as dry land. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

**People: Through faith God's people conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and obtained promises. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.**

Leader: All these were commended for their faith. And what of ourselves?

**People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

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\*Opening Prayer

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\*Songs of Faith #317 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" BRIDGES & THRING

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Nancy Lindberg

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 11:32-44

\*Responsorial "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Worship Team

Stewardship Testimony

Ernie Longstaff

**Announcements & Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** - Collection plates are in the front and back of the sanctuary, and you can also give online.

**Prayer of Dedication**†: May our hearts and our actions be consistent, O Lord, in keeping with your perfect will for our life together, for our presence in this community, and for our testimony to this fallen world of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Give life and health and growth to the members of your body and help us fulfill the mission that you would perform in us and through us.**

Offertory Special

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**Children's Sermon** (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Prayer & Message

"All Saints: Remembering Heroes of the Faith"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord's Table** – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Baptist to eat the bread and drink the cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

**The Right Hand of Fellowship – Welcoming New Members into the Church**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**Holy Communion:**

**Breaking of Bread** – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup** – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**Communion Hymn # 617**      **"A Place at the Table"**      *SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY*

**WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or for you to join this Christian Church, please come forward.

**\*Closing Hymn #393**      **"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**      *JOHN FAWCETT*

**\*Spoken Benediction**      **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

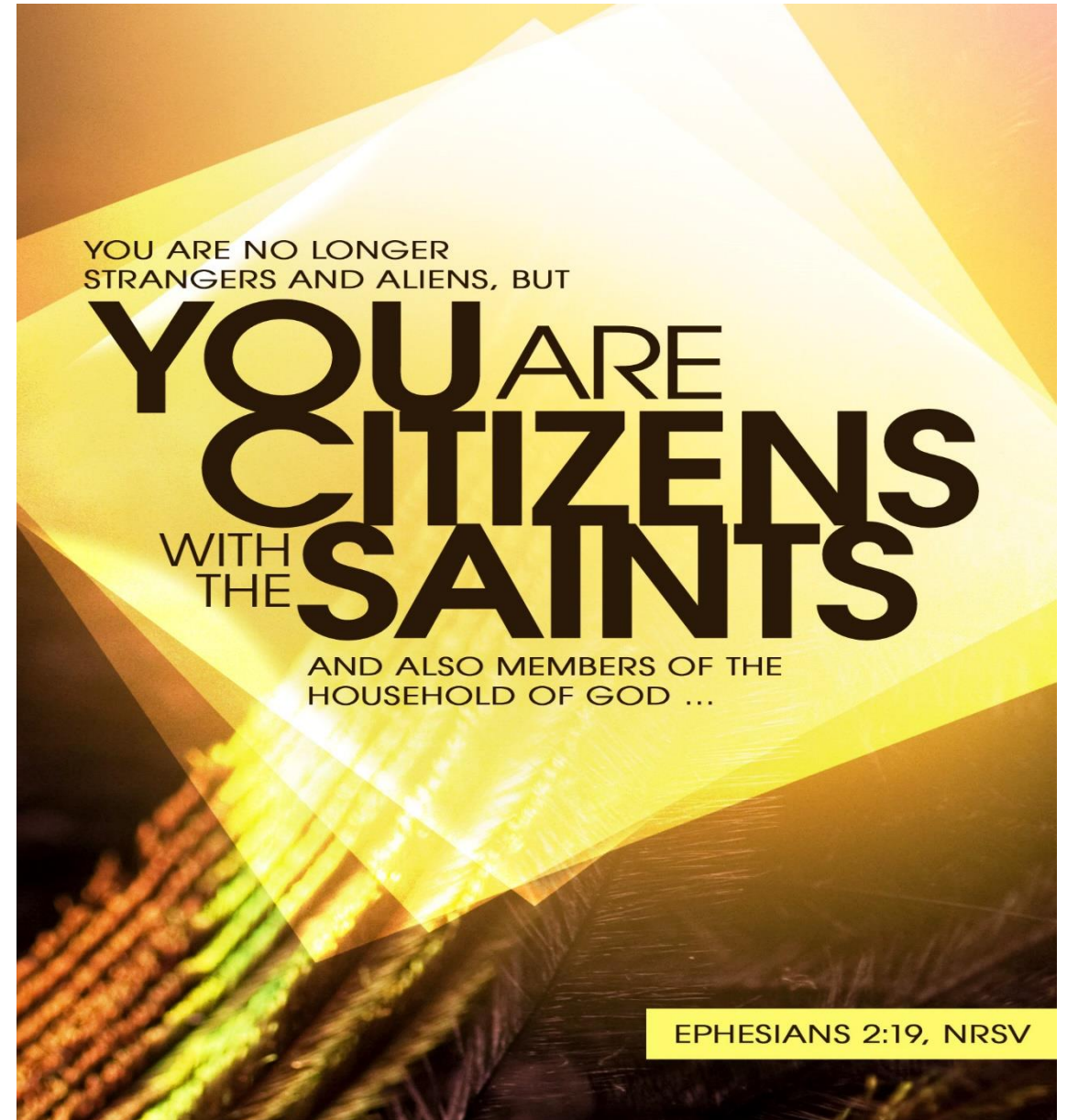
**\*Postlude**      **Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

\*Please stand if able



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