

# Order of worship

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday

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**Prelude**            **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. by John Carter**

**Welcome & Announcements**

## **Call to worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**  
In life and in death  
**We belong to God.**  
Baptized into Christ's death  
**We live unto Him.**  
Come, let us Worship God!

**Opening Hymn #401 GTG**

**Here in This Place**

## **Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin<sup>1</sup> (in unison)**

**Eternal God,**  
**in every age you have raised up men and women**  
**to live and die in faith.**  
**We confess that we are indifferent to your will.**  
**You call us to proclaim your name,**  
**but we are silent.**  
**You call us to do what is just,**  
**but we remain idle.**  
**You call us to live faithfully,**  
**but we are afraid.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Give us courage to follow in your way,**  
**that joined with those from ages past,**  
**who have served you with faith, hope, and love,**  
**we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Book of Common Worship, p. 386

## Assurance of Pardon

from Romans 14:7-9, 6:2-4

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

## Anthem

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth by GF Handel

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

**God's dominion is forever.**

As for us our days are grass;

**Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.**

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

**And God's righteousness is to children's children.**

The grass withers and the flower fades;

**But the word of the Lord stands forever.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

**God's dominion is forever.**

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you false on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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## Message

### Generosity Celebration

#### Holy Communion Invitation\*

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Folks will come from east and west, and from north and south. All the citizens of God's Rule in Christ Will feast forever in glory. This is the Lord's table, His dinner party spread across time. And all who are baptized in him Are invited to this foretaste of the Age to come.

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

The Lord be with you  
**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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise  
to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
Miriam and Moses,  
Joshua, Deborah, Ruth,  
David, priests, and prophets,  
Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul,  
apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.  
**You are the God of our mothers  
and fathers and our children to all generations.**  
You, Everlasting One, made us all.  
You fashion us into one people,  
and continue to love us  
even when we deny our godly heritage.

**Still, you call us home to you  
through saints dedicated to your will.**

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every  
time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Holy Communion**  
**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)\***

Blessed are you, most gracious God,  
for the gift of your child,  
our brother, Jesus Christ,  
who lived in accord with your will  
to the point of laying down his life  
for the good news he preached  
and passed on to us.  
On the night of his arrest,  
he taught us how to serve one another in love  
with a ritual of table fellowship  
enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves with thanksgiving  
as a living sacrifice.**

In union with Christ's offering for us,  
we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Spirit of the living God,  
make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us  
so we might be in communion with you and one another.

**As we break bread together,  
may our eyes be opened to see your glory.  
As we lift the cup of salvation,  
may we be strengthened to follow your Way.**

Until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast together with all the saints  
at God's great family reunion,  
keep your church one in service to the world here and now,  
even as we pray for the world you so love:  
Speak your peace in the world  
where wars rage and violence triumphs  
We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations,  
that all people may flourish,  
for the upcoming elections in our country,  
for all people in positions of power over others' lives.  
May your will be done. May your Kingdom come.  
We pray for those who grieve . . .  
for those who are sick . . .  
for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection . . .  
Send forth comfort as only you can give.  
Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others,  
and remember our making.

Work with who we are, where we are,  
to form these clay pots  
into vessels of living praise,  
that our lives may participate  
in the same unending song of the universe  
raised by all the saints,

**Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and  
forevermore. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn #526**

**For All the Saints**

**Charge and Benediction**

**from Hebrews 12:1-2**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine with delight  
In looking upon you with favor  
And may you rest forever in God's peace.

**Postlude**

**Faith of Our Fathers, arr. by David H. Hegarty**

\*Teresa Stricklen for the Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA)

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**Virtual Worship Opportunities**

**Sundays, 10 am**

*In-person\* & FB Livestream*  
Sunday Service

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**

*FB Livestream*  
Prayer Service



# Announcements

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## First Presbyterian Church in Victor

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Alfred Appiah, Ministry Intern  
Ayn Patrowicz, Organist  
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### In-Person Sunday morning Worship

We will be welcoming you to in-person worship in the sanctuary again next **Sunday, November 8th at 10am**. Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations were sent via email and can be found on our website. This will be limited, so **\*register early for your space**. Google form to register will be sent by email each week. Please plan to arrive to the building about 15 minutes before the start of worship.

### Virtual Coffee Hour

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via ZOOM each Sunday immediately after worship. This week's topic is: What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid, or someone else's that made a lasting impression on you? Please join us!

### Prayer requests

During Sunday worship and Wednesday evening prayer time on FB livestream, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous and not on this public forum, please message Pastor Colin directly at [pastor@victorpres.org](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org) or call 585-734-7007.

