

SCRIPTURE READING: Esther 4: 6-14 (ESV)

6 Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, 7 and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. 8 Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. 9 And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. 10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, 11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days." 12 And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. 13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

With COVID cases on the rise in Massachusetts, now is the time to be vigilant. That means keeping your mask over your nose and mouth, maintaining at least a 6 ft. distance between you and those around you, and leaving the sanctuary promptly after the postlude as directed by the ushers. If you wish to stay and talk with others, you are welcome to do that outside. If you would like to speak with one of our pastors or staff members, please make an appointment. Thank you for doing your part. This is important as we endeavor to provide an in-person worship option that is as safe as possible during this time.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

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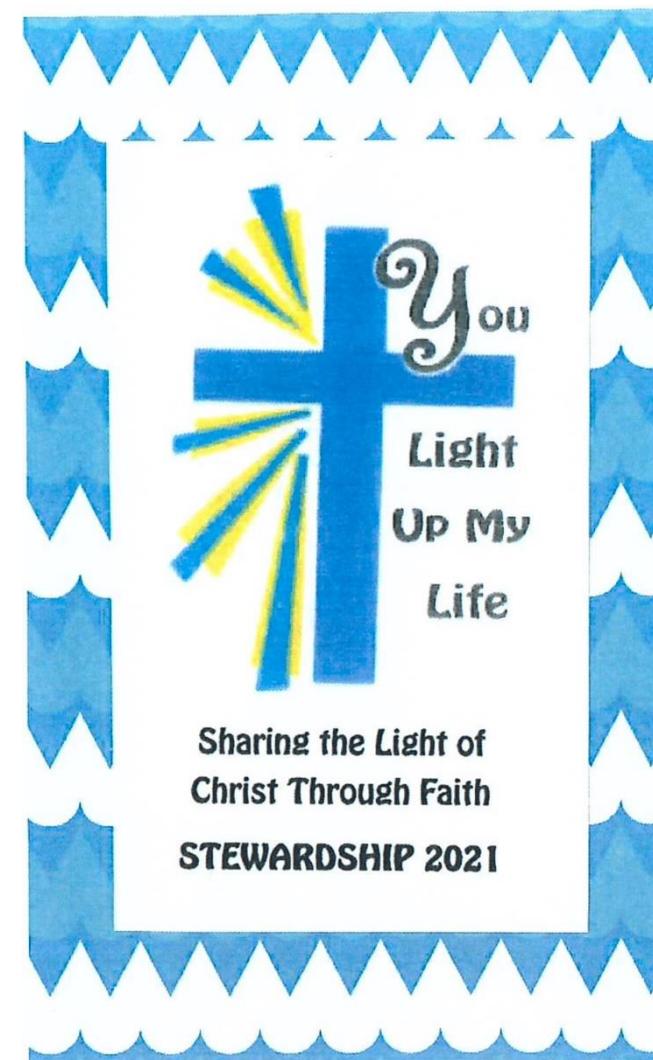
Stewardship Display: Chad Thompson

Ushers: Head Usher, Margo Sweetland, **Asst. Sheila Womble, Ushers:** Donald Cushing and Bridget Bedard

Videographer: Nic Odell



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



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Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All Saints' Sunday ~ November 1, 2020

* Stand if you are able ** See words to the right * See words on the back

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

Organ Prelude: "Prelude on "Hanson Place" J. S. Bach

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River" J. Krug
Trinity Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship: **

Introit: "Deep River" J. Rutter
Holly Joy Pearson, alto; Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute
(Offering of Memorial Flowers)

Opening Prayer, Silent Reflection, Words of Assurance **

Musical Response: "On Eagle's Wings" J. Raney

Scripture Reading: * Esther 4: 6-14

Sermon: "For Such a Time as This"

Special Music: Requiem "Lux Aeterna" J. Rutter
Sonja Funk, soprano and Holly Joy Pearson, alto

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: **

Naming of the Saints: "An Offering of Music, Movement, and Dance."
Trinity's Dance/Movement Choir
"Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" A. Pote
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin; Steve Hays, piano

The Lord's Prayer: **

Closing Response: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" J. Rutter

Benediction

Postlude: "For All the Saints" Sine Nomine

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

• **Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.56.)

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER & SILENT RELECTION: (written by Christine Jerrett)

You are our God and we are Your people, and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own. You have set us in the company of saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to Your goodness and Your truth. Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward. You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid — afraid of a future we cannot control; — afraid of losing health and independence — afraid for the well-being of our children — afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future. Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears. Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace. We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Non-Responsive)

(<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/words-of-assurance-revelation-21-1-6.html>)

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. Where fear vanishes and love grows. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree, are a vision of your life reborn, restored, renewed, and embraced. Thanks be to God!

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER RESPONSE:

... we come to be your people, O God