

All Saint's/All Soul's Sunday
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PRELUDE "For All the Saints" (Sine Nomine) Judy Widrig
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sharon Benton

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP Creative Finance Team Larry Menninga

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If you have not yet returned your pledge form for 2021, please do so to help us continue to Innovate Church and Sustain Community! Thank you.



1 God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
 2 Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,
 3 Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times, Sav - ior, we have failed;
 4 By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
 hopes and mem - ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
 though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
 Pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
 You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
 Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
 William Moore, 1825

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Common English Bible

Dick Cathell

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Dick Cathell

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION & ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

Sharon Benton

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Parting Thoughts”

Tim Shepherd

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Weasley

The Prayer of Jesus

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:
“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”*

Our Creator

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 and ever. Amen.**



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

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BENEDICTION

David Weasley

POSTLUDE

“Madrigal”
by Carlos Chávez

Judy Widrig, Piano
Mia Kelly, Cello



Stay online for a few minutes to chat with the pastors and others.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: We're not in the Sanctuary but we're still praying. Use the Contact form on our website, <https://fccb.net/contact-us/>, to send your requests.

CONNECT ON OUR WEBSITE: Our website has a lot of information and opportunities to connect. Go to <https://www.fccb.net/> and click on the **Connect** tab. There you'll find our Full Circle Blog, the Full Circle Forum, and the media page, with the video and audio of previous services. Find out what you may have been missing!

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Monday**
 - Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm**
 - Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday**
 - Book Club, **First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**
 - Bible Study for Everyone, **Tuesdays 9:00-10:00 am**. The reading for **November 8** is **Matthew 5:1-12**.
 - PJs & Storytime, **6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - Adult Forums, **6:30 pm**. October— Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*.
 - Faith Formation for Children & Youth, **6:30 pm**. *Six Vital Themes of Our Faith*
- **Thursday**
 - Morning Coffee Group: **1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am**
 - Poetry Writing Group, **1:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursday**
 - Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - Mystery Book Club, **1st Friday, 1:00 pm**.
 - Coffee Hour, **2nd & 4th Fridays. 1:00 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - Create & Check In, **every other Saturday, 10:00 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>.

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

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You can also email our Office Manager
Cydne at office@fccb.net
and she'll pass your message on.

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