

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**  
**November 7, 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway**  
**DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME ENDS**  
**Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 9:30 AM EDT)**

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**“Oh When the Saints”**

Traditional

Arranged by Carsten Gerlitz

*Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth!

The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

**Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.**

A great voice thundered from heaven:

“See, God is making God’s home with mortals!

God will live with them. They will be God’s people.

**God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

**There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain.**

**All of this – gone forever!”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (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. Amen.**

**HYMN 375            SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER**

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod.  
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful the river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful the river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful the river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful the river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Rev. Lucas Keppel)**

**Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow idols of our own making instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Beloved God,  
who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears,  
have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love.  
We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness,  
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.  
Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,  
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.  
We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors,  
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent  
fears and worries of our hearts.**

*Silent Prayer*

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; saints rejoicing in the grace and mercy of God!

### **\*GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**"At the River"**

Arr. by Aaron Copland

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **ISAIAH 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

#### **PSALM 24**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup> **for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,**

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**<sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.**

**<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

**<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.**

**<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

### **REVELATION 21:1-6**

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

**4** he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

**5** And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6** Then he said to

me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**SERMON**

**THE JOURNEY OF THE SAINTS**

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Young**

**\*HYMN 737**

**LORD, JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG**

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;**

**I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:**

**You alone are our life and our peace and our love.**

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.**

**May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE NICENE CREED)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, of one Being with the Father; through him all  
things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We  
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

#### **REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS**

**Art Benjamin**

**Donald Budis**

**Lucinda Janda**

**Virginia Stanislaw**

**Arlen Thomas**

**Lola VanBree**

**Jimmy Walker**

**745,000 Americans who have died from COVID 19**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **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 517                      HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU (vvs. 1,2)**

**Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.  
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all our weariness upon you lean.**

**Here would we feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;  
Here would we lay aside each earthly load,  
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **THE 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.**

All thanks and praise be to you, most holy God, giver of all life. You made us for companionship and shaped us for love; you gave us your good earth and taught us to care; you established your law that we might learn justice and give you honor with our lives.

In Jesus you blessed us as never before. Thank you for the ways he taught us in word and deed; he fed us in homes and on hillsides; he healed us in body, mind, and soul and showed us that true greatness is in humility and true power in weakness. He took on our death that we might be clothed in light and life.

We thank you for the Spirit at work in us and among us, who strengthens and sustains, challenges and encourages, gives us life and surprises us with signs of your unending grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit now upon this bread and cup, that it may be to us the body and blood of Christ. With thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to you now, Holy Three in One. We are grateful, even now, that when this earthly life is ended you will welcome us home, where we will live in eternal joy with you and all the saints, bathed in light and lost in unending songs of praise. Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 326 FOR ALL THE SAINTS (VVS. 1, 3, 5)**  
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!

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

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest, coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CHARGE**

God invites us into his future,  
where the one who makes all things new  
has made his home among us.

**We are called and chosen,  
together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning,  
crying, pain and even death will be no more.**

Remember God's future, for this is our story.

Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!"

**"Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Voluntary in a"**

by Anonymous

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God.*

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**GIVING TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY**

- Go to our web page ([fpcrockaway.org](http://fpcrockaway.org)), scroll down to "donate" and give electronically
- Mail your donation to:  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway  
35 Church St.  
Rockaway, NJ 07886

Offering plates are available in the narthex and at the exit door

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM GENESIS**

For next Sunday, please read Genesis 24:1-67; 25:21 – 28:9

We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Email Pastor Nancy for further information and the schedule.

[Youngnancy501@gmail.com](mailto:Youngnancy501@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY MORNING STUDY – THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

**9:30 am. We meet on Zoom.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842008669?pwd=MnFSQlpgZXNKK2NvVIA4eFhoVTNnQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 838 4200 8669**

**Passcode: 749308**

**Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keZj0xanW>**

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**HOLIDAY WISHES**

**There are almost 200 children who attend school in Rockaway Borough or Township who qualify for the federal program providing free (or reduced price) lunches. We have the opportunity to help them enjoy the holidays this year. If you would like to provide gifts for one or more children you can contact Brenda Budd at [Rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com](mailto:Rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com).**

**If you would rather send a check, make it out to Holiday Wishes and send it to her at 43 Willow Ave. Rockaway, NJ 07866. She is asking that all gifts be collected by Nov 30.**

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**Interfaith Furnishings**

As a part of our Outreach we have donated our time several times a year to Interfaith Furnishings. What is Interfaith Furnishings? – they are an organization the collects donated furniture and stores it in a warehouse and then gives it free to families who are in need. What do we do for Interfaith Furnishings? – we provide people who are willing to move the donated furniture either into the warehouse or deliver it to their homes. How often do we provide this service? – 4 times a year.

Our church is on their calendar to assist them with moving furniture on November 20, 2021. Are you willing to give your time to this worthy cause? Please notify the church office by November 8 if you are available on November 20 to help. We need to let them know if we can assist that day and they will then let us know the time we are to arrive to help.

Thank you.

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Dear Neighbors,  
Here's your opportunity to help local residents in need...and during this lingering pandemic, they really need your help.

**Sox-in-Box:** We're collecting brand **new**, warm socks to be distributed to locals as we approach the cold winter months. Donations will be received up through November 28. Simply bring the socks to any one of our nearby drop-off locations **or place them in the box in our sanctuary marked "Socks"**.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (24-hour drop off vestibule)  
508 Green Pond Rd.  
Rockaway Township

White Meadow Temple  
153 White Meadow Rd.  
Rockaway

St. Simon The Apostle RC Church  
1010 Green Pond Rd.  
Newfoundland

And...by the way...you can still make your cash donations to support our **COVID Relief Campaign**, established to assist those economically devastated by this pandemic. Simply write checks payable to RISE UP and send to:

RISE UP  
508 Green Pond Rd.  
Rockaway Township, NJ 07866  
or visit our website to give electronically at: [www.riseupnj.org](http://www.riseupnj.org)

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Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo  
President & Executive Director, RISE UP Rockaway, Inc.

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