

PRAYER FOR THOSE REMAINING

✠ **DOXOLOGY:** (*unison*) Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly
host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HoF #166:** "Christ Arose"

✠ **BENEDICTION** by Pastor Janet

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Tracy (Yu Qian)

Thank you for your **OFFERINGS**. Please deposit them at the exits.
See insert for **ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

Following today's memorial service, please join in the upper hall
for a luncheon lovingly prepared in memory of loved ones,
who have gone to be with Jesus.

If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you return soon.

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Pianist/Organist: Tracy (Yu Qian)

Soloist: Tom Kimble

The Lord's Day Worship

September 12, 2021 – **Memorial Service** - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

(Those not wanting to be on video recording, please be seated under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELLS & CHIMES

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu Qian)

WELCOME by Pastor Janet

(As able, family members, please stand at the name of your loved one.

Then after pausing in memory be seated when the chime sounds.)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS BY CANDLELIGHTING:

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom you have received into your presence:

Karen Davis,... Victor DeRose,... Faye Hammond,... Claudia Johnston,... Norma & Patsy Kraft,... Mat Mauger,... Anne Nixon,... Meneva Peters,... Dale & Sally Seiberling,... and Anthony Violi.

OPENING PRAYER: *unison*

Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful"

Tom Kimble, soloist

† stand as able

† **Opening Hymn HB #425, tune 1:** "For All the Saints"

† **CALL To WORSHIP:** Isaiah 25:6-9 (*responsively*)

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all people, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Hebrews 12:1 (*unison*):

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles." Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children nor loved as Christ loves us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvations now and forever. (*Pause in silent confession.*)

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (*unison*) 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.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (*unison*)

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (*unison*)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-7 N.T. pg. 1769-70

SERMON: "God's Dwelling Place for His People"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HoF #77:** "The Church's One Foundation"