



**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, November 1, 2020**  
**All Saints Day**

Prelude                      Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106: *God's Time is the Best*                      *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn                                      For all the Saints                                      *Sine Nomine*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Reading from Scripture                                      Joshua 3: 7-17                                      *NRSV*

The LORD said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." ' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God.' Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Children's Message

Reading from Scripture                                      Matthew 23: 1-14                                      *NRSV*

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen

by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

‘But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them.

Sermon “Crossing Over” *Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming*

Musical Selection *How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. L. Larson*  
*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead, how beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful.*  
Crystal Szewczyk, soprano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer and A Celebration of All Saints

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude Jubilate *Gordon Young*

### Understandings for Public Worship

*Covenant is glad you feel comfortable to join us for public worship today.*

We need not tell you these are unusual and apprehensive times we are living in these days. Covenant is working to make this public gathering as safe as possible, which is why we ask the following of you:

**\*Please wear facemasks at ALL times—while entering and exiting the sanctuary, as well as during the service of worship.**

\*Know that the building beyond the sanctuary is closed to us. The only available restroom is in the Ambulatory.

\*Your Tithes and Offerings may be contributed at the stationary boxes near each entrance.

\*For the time being, we will NOT be standing or singing hymns in the service.

Covenant appreciates that you take all items you brought with you when you depart and prays that this and future experiences of worship, while awkward, may still be meaningful.

\*Adult Education classes will meet in the Covenant room at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday morning.

Monday School meets each week at 6:30 P.M. in the Covenant room.

\*Godly play (children age 4 through 2nd grade), Kidz Time (3rd—6th grade) and Teen Talk (7th—12th grade) will meet in the Sawtelle Auditorium, Covenant room and Room 8 each Sunday after the Children’s Message during worship.

*Covenant Members & Friends Deceased*

*David Ellard*

*Lois Hein*

*Marjorie Billet*

*Dorothy Mackie*

*Jane Martin*

*Lois Behlke*

*Sally Dietrick*

*Kathlyn Matthews*

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*Steven Thomas, Dawn Kubilus  
Dorothy Partyka, Nancy Partyka  
Kent Dimmig, Scott Klenk  
Clementine Carroll, Roberta Ryan*

*New Members*

*Judy Donovan*

*Holly Donovan*

*Tim, Kim, Shonna & Madolyn Emick*

*James & Maureen Tate*