



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday
Holy Communion

November 7, 2021

Due to COVID precautions, we are asking everyone in the congregation to remain masked, and to enjoy singing the hymns and responses.

MEDITATION

*"You have to trust that every true friendship has no end, that a communion of saints exists among all those, living and dead, who have truly loved God and one another. You know from experience how real this is. Those you have loved deeply and who have died live on in you, not just as memories but as real presence." from *The Inner Voice of Love* by Henri Nouwen*

PRELUDE: Kyrie

Cathy Moklebust

The Hills Bells; Martha Stowell, director
Susan Holm, Lucy O'Mara, Judy Nitsch, Beth Ross, Ronee Skornik,
Chris Stowell, Elaine Vildzius, Libby Zobel

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What a gift to be called a child of God!

All: **What love you have given us!**

One: Let us lift up all who you have called:

All: **'...saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.'**

* HYMN: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal) #39

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
in your time evolved the universe, and everything that is.
It's easy to feel overwhelmed by your glory,
stretched out across the heavens.
The faith and works of your saints amaze us too.
We want to hear your call to serve yet
we often get distracted in the pulls of each day:
what has to be done right now, what's for supper,
what's the plan for tomorrow...how to pay the bills,
and let someone else worry about the planet and its people.
Holy one, help us hear the voices of those in need,
and recognize situations where we can make a difference.
Please hear our voices, too...
and though we're far from being perfect, forgive us,
inspire us, and let us love you, too.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God knows us, and has mercy on us, forgiving us.
Everyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether.
The past is finished and gone.
Everything has become fresh and new.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* SUMMARY OF THE LAW

* GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

Glory to God the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINISTRY OF REV. PASHINGTON J. OBENG

GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44

SERMON: “How real this is . . . ”

Judy Swahnberg

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (*As the offering plates are passed, please pass and sign the Friendship Register.*)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-Place

Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;

They praise Thy name evermore.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place!

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We may be least among the saints, O God, yet we give you thanks that you have nurtured our heart and given us the gifts of your grace. Now use these gifts we share to proclaim the good news and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

HOLY EUCHARIST

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SURSUM CORDA

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Music by Ronald A. Nelson

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,

The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE POURING OF THE CUP

ACCLAMATIONS

One Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

OUR 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Andante (from *Sonata in E minor*)

J. S. Bach

Sara Johnson, flutist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN: For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #486

* COMMISSION & BLESSING

Please be seated during the Postlude.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in G major

S. Bach

John Finney, organist

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4. Glo-ry to God, and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 is mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; adapt. Lowell Mason, *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

AZMON
CM

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn on the first anniversary of his conversion experience. In its original version it had eighteen stanzas. It is the first hymn in most Methodist hymnals.

Permission to podcast/stream music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE,
 License #A-737581.

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
 We fee-bly struggle, they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Ralph Vaughan Williams' stirring tune, written for All Saints Day, appeared first in *The English Hymnal* of 1906, for which he was music editor.

SINE NOMINE
 10 10 10 w. alleluia

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
207 Washington Street at Chapel Place, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
www.hillschurch.org • 781-235-4424

moderator@hillschurch.org

Moderator	Sarah Pedersen
Former Moderator	Chris Stowell
Rising Moderator	Jack Morgan
Clerk	Rich Sweeting
Treasurer	Nancy Simons
Assistant Treasurer	Nana Poku

Interim Co-Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jill Edens	jill@hillschurch.org
Interim Co-Pastor	Rev. Richard Edens	richard@hillschurch.org
Associate Minister	Rev. Judy Swahnberg	judy@hillschurch.org
Associate Minister	Rev. Anne Marie Holloway	annemarie@hillschurch.org

Chief Financial Officer	John Dooley	dooley@hillschurch.org
Children's Ministry	Sally Tomasetti	sallyt@hillschurch.org
Church Administrator	Susan MacDonald	susan@hillschurch.org
Director of Music	John Finney	johnf@hillschurch.org
Evening Sexton	Brian Aucoin	
Financial Coordinator	Jelena Kovrlija	jelena@hillschurch.org
Early Childhood Music Director	Emily Gauthier	emczar00@hotmail.com
Nursery School Director	Melanie Dawson	director@wnsh

Soprano Soloist	Laurie Otten
Alto Soloist	Shannon Lebrón
Tenor Soloist	Christian Figueroa
Bass Soloist	Garrett Murphy
Sound Technician	Kenny Goshgarian
Sound Technician	Steven Hopkins

GOD
IS STILL
SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.