



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Go, Lovely Rose

Matt Kielan, Tenor

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Katie Miller

### **\*Greeting and Passing of the Peace**

**“The Peace of God be with you.”**

In Unison: **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\* Let us rise in body or spirit.

### **Call to Worship**

Wendy Wiseman, Liturgist

The earth and all things in it are God’s.

**We are God’s people. We are the saints who share in Christ’s ministry.**

Come all—this is a time to experience good news.

**We are brought together in the family of God.**

We come with expectancy and anticipation.

**God is present here to greet us and transform our lives.**

### **\*Processional Hymn**

God of Our Life

*Black Hymnal*, No. 366

SANDON

# God of Our Life

366

*Hugh T. Kerr, 1916; alt.*

1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in you.  
2 God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us a - bide.  
3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known we fol - low you;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your care shines through.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; be now our guide.  
When we are strong, O leave us not a - lone, our ref - uge true.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,  
Bless us in times of dark - ness and of light,  
Be now for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own your mer - cies, God, which nev - er fail.  
Then faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

*Hugh Kerr was educated in Canada and the United States and was a pioneer in religious broadcasting. He wrote this hymn for the fiftieth anniversary of Shudyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, where he had a long tenure as pastor.*

Tune: SANDON 10.4.10.4.10.10.  
Charles Henry Purday, 1860  
For another harmonization, see 466

## **\*Invocation**

God of hope and joy, your will for us is to experience steadfast love in all of our relationships. In your hands we experience the fullness of life. Even in sorrow and grief, we are reminded of new dimensions of life. In you we experience a new heaven and a new earth. Bless us in this time of worship. Free us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

## **\*Gloria**

*Black Hymnal, No. 759*

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Baptism of Jonathan Alan Lee**

*see insert*

## **Conversation with the Children**

### **Anthem**

We Remember Them

Stephen Bouma

### **New Testament Lesson**

Revelation 21:1-5, Pew Bible pg 244

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Remembrances**

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones and Rev. Katie Miller

### **\*Hymn**

Give Thanks for Life

*Black Hymnal, No. 297*

ROBINSON

# **Baptism of Jonathan Alan Lee**

## **Statement about Baptism**

## **Questions to the Family**

## **Congregational Assent**

**We who witness and celebrate this sacrament of baptism, on behalf of the whole Church, promise love, support, and care to Jonathan as he lives and grows on his faith journey.**

## **The Act of Baptism**

## **The Prayer for the Baptized**

**We give you thanks, O Holy One, Mother and Father of us all, Jonathan and for your love of him acknowledged here today in water and spirit. Embrace us all as your daughters and sons. Give to Jonathan strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

# Give Thanks for Life

I Thess. 5:18; Rom. 16:1-16; Eph. 1:15-16

Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

G Bm7 CM7 D7

1 Give thanks for life, the mea - sure of our days,  
 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
 3 And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays,  
 caught from the Christ-flame, burst - ing through the night,  
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed,  
 that lies in dark - ness does its life re - tain

F/G G7(b9) CM7 Am7(b5)/C

Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,  
 Who touched the truth, who burned for what was right,  
 A love not changed by time or death or dread,  
 In res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain,

Shirley Erena Murray wrote this text "as a celebration for someone who has lived a full life." The tune by Nancy M. René was originally composed as a setting for her own version of "For

Tune: ROBINSON 10.10.10. with alleluias  
 Nancy M. René, 1994

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cont. →

The musical score is for the hymn "Al-le-lu-ia". It features a vocal line, a guitar accompaniment with chords, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the vocal melody and guitar chords. The second system contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!".

**Chords:** G/D, D/E, Em7, C/DD, C/G, D, C/G, D, G

**Lyrics:** Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Beloved God, 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.

## **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. 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 and instruments of God's way.

## **Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.**

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**You reveal to us the glories of your presence. You are a God of love, who speaks against oppression and injustice. You are the Creator God, who weaves the beauty of diversity into something fresh and new. You call us to follow you out of the familiar and comfortable, and to live by faith—calling upon**

**your holy name and trusting in the power of your grace. Leaving all that was familiar in heaven, Jesus was born into the people and culture of Israel. Jesus was taught the language and the traditions of his family. Jesus realized that you, O God, love the world so much that you wanted everyone to believe. Because you show your mercy to every nation and people upon the earth; because you speak every language and delight in every culture; we join in your praise with all the earth singing:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## **In Remembrance**

*see insert*

This is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

In the presence of this cloud of witnesses, we join in praising you:

*Holy, holy, holy... (See the Sanctus inside back cover of Black Hymnal.)*

**Words of Institution and Invitation to the Table**

**The Bread and the Cup** Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

*Black Hymnal, No. 331*

THE CALL

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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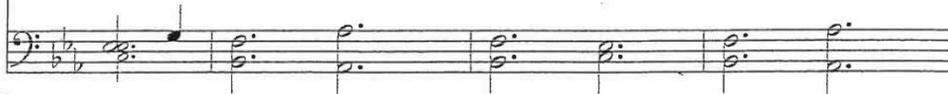
George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

*Unison*



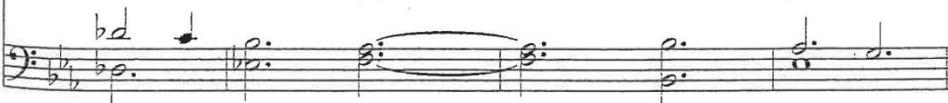
1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can



breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;



such a life as conquers death.  
such a strength as makes a guest.  
such a heart as joys in love.



*Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of The Temple (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from Five Mystical Songs from George*

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

“For all the saints  
who from their labors rest...”

Cheryl Roche  
Yuri Skrypnik  
Don Riggimbach  
Ken Welk  
Norma Nelson  
Helen Sawtell  
Margaret Frum  
Luther MacNaughton

## Testimony

Garret Higginbotham

## Offertory

He That Keepeth Israel

## \*Hymn of Dedication

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,  
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*Offertory Prayer

**The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed in these gifts we share, so that others might receive what they need. We rejoice that you are making all things new. Amen.**

## \*Recessional Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Black Hymnal*, No. 593

LIFT EVERY VOICE

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

*James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.*

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing  
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y  
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our  
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

*Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as*

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.  
*(Revised Johnson, 1921)*

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the  
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white  
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 God, true to our na - tive land.

## \*Benediction

### Benediction Response

Bouma

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light.

May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

### Postlude

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

*You are invited to remain for the playing of the postlude.  
Please respect those who wish to sit in silence*

## Announcements November 7, 2021

**Happy Birthday this week:** Mo Jones, Toni Diel, Lauren Lang, Lamar Jones, Jordan Acker Anderson

**Chancel flowers and decorations:** donors this month are ***Susan & Steve Dolezal***.

**Baptism:** During worship we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for ***Jonathan Al an Lee***, child of ***Matt Lee and Elisabeth Lee***.

**Fair Trade Coffee:** sponsors this month are ***Steve & Susan Dolezal*** and ***Jan & Vic Kensler***.

**Food Pantry:** Donations will be accepted at church. Checks may be given to First Central with "pantry" in the memo line. Frozen meats are now being accepted (and are needed).

**FirstKids:** will not be held today so children may celebrate communion with their families.

*Want to donate electronically? Please scan the QR code.*



## **Activities for the Coming Week, November 7-13**

*Lectionary Readings: 1 Sam 1:4-20, 1 Sam 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.*

- Monday:** Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m., Pastor's Study.  
Eves, 7 p.m. Sue Arkfeld 4759 N 149<sup>th</sup> Circle.
- Tuesday:** Council, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Family Night, 5:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir, 7 p.m.  
Vespers, 8 p.m.
- Thursday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Book Club, 7 p.m. Julie McKillips' 51 Carter Lake Club.
- Friday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## **Sunday, November 14**

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m. on FaceBook Live, YouTube, or in person. Masks required.

**Bible Study:** 9:15 a.m., third floor parlor.

**FirstKids:** Fireside Room following the Conversation with the Children. Masks required. Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin.

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